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GLOBAL REMITTANCES TO FALL $108 BN IN 2020: ADB

Total remittances to South Asia may fall by as much as $28 billion as the pandemic sends economies into a tailspin

EXPATS' JOB LOSSES ADD TO THE PAIN

The report by the Asian Development Bank noted that economic shutdowns due to the pandemic has led to widespread job losses and pay cuts, forcing migrants workers to trim remittance payments. South Asia will be the worst-hit as a large number of migrants from the region work in West Asia where the slump in oil prices due to shutdowns has damaged economies

REMITTANCES TO INDIA MAY DIP BY 25%

- Swiss banking giant UBS predicted that remittances to India will decline by 25% due to fall in oil prices. Private transfers to India will slow to $55-60 bn in FY21 from $76 bn in FY20, the firm said
- The UBS report also said 10% fall in the price of oil leads to a 7% decline in remittances to India in the long run

27%
MIGRANTS FROM ASIA WORK IN WEST ASIAN COUNTRIES

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"I am in touch with the officers to ensure there is no disruption in the administration"
B S Yediyurappa, Chief Minister

KARNATAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

4,752 TEST +VE ON MONDAY
62,500 TOTAL DISCHARGES
2,594 TOTAL DEATHS
1,39,571 CASES SO FAR

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34 test positive in the Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru, while IIM-B also reports a case

An undertrial who tested positive in Mysuru escapes from Covid hospital

Covid-infected BSY leads fight against pandemic from hospital

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CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa, who is admitted to a private hospital in Bengaluru after testing positive for Covid-19, will continue to monitor and lead the fight against the dreaded pandemic from his hospital room.

"I am in touch with the officers to ensure there is no disruption in the administration," the Chief Minister declared in a short video message from the hospital on Monday afternoon. Chief Secretary T M Vijay Bhaskar told *The New Indian Express*, "The CM will look after the administration from the hospital."

Sources in the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said that during his stay in the hospital, Yediyurappa will monitor the situation over phone and through video-conference, and officials are exploring the possibility of setting up a video-conferencing link in his hospital room. "However, there is a concern that the person who has to handle the facility has to be inside the ward wearing a PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) suit. All these aspects are to be looked into," the sources said.

Meanwhile, on the first day at the hospital, the chief minister was busy receiving calls from senior leaders, including party president J P Nadda, leaders from other parties, as well as well-wishers, including heads of religious institutions.

He also made several calls to officers, while a number of tests were conducted on Monday. He has carried 10 books to read, including Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography, and a book on Swami Vivekananda.

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Ministers, top cop under home quarantine

Two days after taking charge as Bengaluru Police Commissioner, Kamal Pant is in home quarantine after he called upon CM Yediyurappa, who tested positive for Covid on Sunday. Meanwhile, the CM, accompanied by Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, had visited Governor Vajubhai Vala on Friday. Subsequently, both Bommai and Vala tested negative. Deputy CM C N Ashwath Narayan, who also met the CM, has tested negative, while minister Byrathi Basavaraj said he was going into home quarantine. Six CM's staffers have tested positive, while son Vijayendra is in home quarantine. P3

State yet to get GST dues of ₹8.7k cr

Compensation is for April and May, but Centre has cleared all outstanding for FY2019-20

ANURADHA SHUKLA, BANSY KALAPPA & ANUSHA RAVI
@ New Delhi, Bengaluru

WHEN Karnataka needs all available financial resources to fight the high-cost Covid pandemic and other sources of revenue drying up, the state government is yet to receive significant amounts as Goods and Services Tax compensation from the Central government.

The state has not received GST dues of ₹8,747 crore for April and May.

"Till now, the compensation up to the financial year 2019-20 has been fully provided by the Centre. For Karnataka, the compensation is due for April and May 2020 (₹4,960 crore and ₹3,787 crore, respectively). This was to be credited in June," Additional Chief Secretary I S N Prasad told *TNIE*.

For the entire 2019-20 financial year, the state has received ₹18,628 crore.

The state's GST collection was ₹3,137 crore for June and ₹3,474 crore for July. From April to July of this year, the Karnataka government has to receive ₹13,732 crore as the GST compensation.

Sources in the state's finance department said that Karnataka has suggested to the Centre that compensation due to states should be provided by the Centre, either through its resources or borrowing. Further, the compensation can be given over an extended time frame and the compensation cess period could be extended beyond 2022 for the Centre to recover the amount. "Revenue augmentation measures may also be considered to raise resources. Borrowing by the GST Council is another step that the Council should consider," a senior Finance Department official said.

Meanwhile, taking a grim view of the GST compensation issue snowballing into a major controversy with even BJP-ruled states expressing concerns over non-payment by the Centre, the PMO has sought explanation from the finance ministry, sources said. P12

ADICHUNCHANAGIRI SEER ONLY INVITEE FROM K'TAKA IN AYODHYA

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NIRMALANANDANATHA Swamiji, head of the Adichunchanagiri Mutt, is the only 'invitee' from Karnataka to attend the Bhoomi Puja, or the foundation-laying ceremony, of Ram Temple at Ayodhya on Wednesday.

BJP sources said that apart from the Adichunchanagiri seer, the invites were also sent to two other personalities from the state -- Vishwaprasanna Theertharu of Pejawar Mutt, who is also a member of the Shrirama Janmabhoomi Teertha Kshetra Trust, and Dr Veerendra Heggade of Dharmasthala.

Vishwaprasanna Theertharu is not travelling to Ayodhya as he is observing the Chaturmaasa Vratha in Udupi. It's a four-month ritual, which begins from Ashada, and the seer is not allowed to travel during the vratha. But the reason for Veerendra Heggade's absence is not known. P7

Scholar who fixed muhurta gets threat calls

Belagavi: Belagavi scholar N R Vijayendra Sharma, who fixed the muhurta (auspicious time) for the Ram temple event, has allegedly received anonymous threat calls. The callers allegedly threatened the scholar to withdraw the muhurta fixed for the ceremony.

EXPRESS READ

IPL: BCCI slammed for Chinese sponsor

New Delhi: RSS' Swadeshi Jagaran Manch and traders' body CAIT have opposed the decision of the BCCI to retain Chinese company Vivo as the title sponsor for the IPL. P10

Allow India to appoint lawyer, court tells Pak

Islamabad: The Islamabad High Court ordered Pakistan to give "another chance" to India to appoint a lawyer for Kulbhushan Jadhav. P10

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮಾಲಿನ್ಯ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ ಮಂಡಳಿ

ಪರಿಸರ ಮಾಲಿನ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಕಡಿವಾಣ

ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷ
ಸವಾಲುಗಳ ನಡುವೆಯೂ ಸಾಧನೆ

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ.ಎಸ್. ಯಡಿಯೂರಪ್ಪ
ಘನಾನ್ವಿತ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು

ಶ್ರೀಜ ಆನಂದ್ ಸಿಂಗ್,
ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪರಿಸರ ಮತ್ತು ಜೀವಿಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಸಚಿವರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಅವರು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಲ್ಗೊಂಡಿರುವುದು

ಆತ್ಮೀಯ ಬಂಧುಗಳೇ,

ನಮ್ಮ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಹಲವಾರು ಸಂಕಷ್ಟಗಳ ನಡುವೆ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಅತ್ಯಮ ಆಡಳಿತ ನೀಡುವ ಮೂಲಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಆರು ಕೋಟಿ ಮತದಾರರ ಆಶೋತ್ತರಗಳಿಗೆ ಸ್ಪಂದಿಸಿದೆ. ಪ್ರಧಾನಮಂತ್ರಿ ಘನಾನ್ವಿತ ಶ್ರೀ ನರೇಂದ್ರ ಮೋದಿಜಿ ಅವರ ದೃಢ ಸಂಕಲ್ಪದ ತೀರ್ಮಾನಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ದಣಿವರಿಯದ ನಮ್ಮ ನಾಯಕರಾದ ಘನಾನ್ವಿತ ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ.ಎಸ್.ಯಡಿಯೂರಪ್ಪ ಅವರ ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶನದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಕಿಂದು ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಜನಪರ ಹಾಗೂ ಪರಿಶುದ್ಧ ಆಡಳಿತ ನೀಡುವಲ್ಲಿ ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಅಧಿಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದು, ಹಳೆಯ ಗೊಂದಲಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಿಸಿ, ಹೊಸ ಆಯವ್ಯಯದ ಸವ ಮನ್ವಂತರವನ್ನು ಸೃಷ್ಟಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಹೊರಟ ಆರಂಭದಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಕೋವಿಡ್-19 ಸೋಂಕಿನ ತೆರೆ ಮುಸುಕಿಕೊಂಡಿತು. ಇಡೀ ವಿಶ್ವವನ್ನೇ ತಲ್ಲಣಗೊಳಿಸಿದ ಈ ಜಾಡ್ಯವನ್ನು ಎದುರಿಸಿ, ಸಮರ್ಪಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸುವತ್ತ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಕ್ಷಿಪ್ರ ಗಮನವನ್ನು ಹರಿಸಬೇಕಾಯಿತು. ಸುಮಾರು ಎರಡು ತಿಂಗಳು ಲಾಕ್‌ಡೌನ್ ಘೋಷಣೆಯಾದರೂ, ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಎದೆಗುಂದದೆ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಎದುರಿಸುವಲ್ಲಿ ಸಫಲವಾಯಿತು. ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಉಚಿತ ಅಕ್ಕಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಆಹಾರಧಾನ್ಯಗಳ ವಿತರಣೆ, ಶ್ರಮಿಕ ವರ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ ನಗದು ಪರಿಹಾರದಂತಹ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡುವ ಮೂಲಕ ಹಸಿದ ಜನರನ್ನು ಸಂತೃಪ್ತಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ಸಮಾಧಾನ ನಮ್ಮದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಮಾಲಿನ್ಯ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣದಂತಹ ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಷ್ಟೇ ಶ್ರದ್ಧೆಯಿಂದ ನಾವು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಮೃಗಾಲಯಗಳು, ಅರಣ್ಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಯನ್ನು ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಜಾಗರೂಕತೆಯಿಂದ ಗಮನಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮಾಲಿನ್ಯ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಕೋವಿಡ್-19 ರೋಗಿಗಳ ಆರೈಕೆಯಿಂದ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನವಾಗುವ ಜೀವವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ಮಾಪನಕ್ಕೆ ಆಪ್ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು, ಕೋವಿಡ್-19 ಸೋಂಕಿತರ ಆರೈಕೆಯಿಂದ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನವಾಗುತ್ತಿರುವ ಜೀವವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯದ ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣೆ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಲೇವಾರಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣವನ್ನು ಮಾಪನ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ನಾವು ಗಣೇಶನ ಹಬ್ಬದ ಸಸಿಹದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಈ ಬಾರಿ ಅಮೂಲ್ಯವಾದ ಮಣ್ಣನ್ನು ವ್ಯರ್ಥ ಮಾಡದೆ, ಕೋವಿಡ್-19 ವ್ಯಾಪಿಸಿರುವ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅರಿಶಿಣ ಗಣಪತಿ ಪೂಜಿಸಿ ಪರಿಸರ ನಿರ್ಮಲವಾಗಿರಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾದ ಆಂದೋಲನ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಮಂಡಳಿ ಸಜ್ಜಾಗಿದೆ. ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರ ಸಹಕಾರವನ್ನು ಕೋರಲಾಗಿದೆ.

(ಆನಂದ್ ಸಿಂಗ್)

ಜಲ, ವಾಯು, ಶಬ್ದ ಮಾಲಿನ್ಯ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಕ್ರಮ

283 ಜಲಗುಣಮಟ್ಟ ಮಾಪನ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳು
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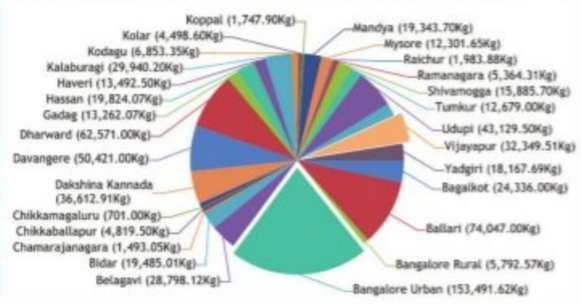
ಕೌಶಲ್ಯ ತರಬೇತಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ
- ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯ ಮಿಷನ್ ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ ಒತ್ತು
- ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ಕೊಳಚೆ ನೀರು ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣೆ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯ ತರಬೇತಿ
- ಟಿಕ್ನೀಷಿಯನ್ಸ್ ಮತ್ತು ಹೆಲ್ಪರ್‌ಗಳು ಫಲಾನುಭವಿಗಳು

ಮೇಕ್ ಇನ್ ಇಂಡಿಯಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಡಿ ಇಸ್ ಆಫ್ ಡೂಯಿಂಗ್ ಬ್ಯುಸಿನೆಸ್
- ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮೇಕ್ ಇನ್ ಇಂಡಿಯಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಕ್ಕೆ ಆದ್ಯತೆ
- ಇಸ್ ಆಫ್ ಡೂಯಿಂಗ್ ಬ್ಯುಸಿನೆಸ್ ಅಡಿ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ
- ಕಟ್ಟಡ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಯೋಜನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ನೀಡಲು ಏಕಗವಾಕ್ಷಿ ಯೋಜನೆ

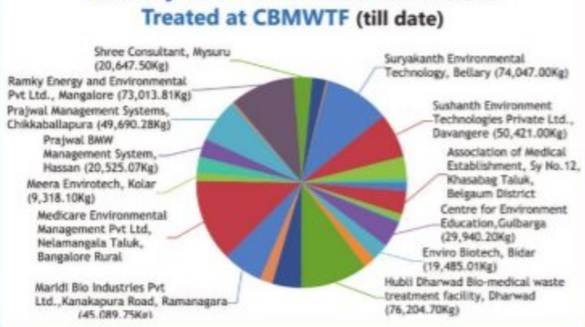
ಕೋವಿಡ್-19 ರೋಗಿಗಳ ಆರೈಕೆಯಿಂದ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನವಾಗುವ ಜೀವವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ಮೇಲ್ವಿಚಾರಣೆಗೆ ಆಪ್ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ
- ಕೋವಿಡ್-19 ಸೋಂಕಿತರ ಆರೈಕೆಯಿಂದ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನವಾಗುತ್ತಿರುವ ಜೀವವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ಮೇಲ್ವಿಚಾರಣೆಗೆ ವಿಶೇಷ ಆಪ್ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ
- ಪ್ರತಿನಿತ್ಯ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನವಾಗುತ್ತಿರುವ ಜೀವವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯದ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ, ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣೆ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಲೇವಾರಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಸಂಗ್ರಹ

ನಮ್ಮ ಪರಿಸರ ಶುದ್ಧವಾಗಿಡೋಣ,
ಆರೋಗ್ಯಕರ ಜೀವನ ನಡೆಸೋಣ

District Wise Covid-19 Waste Generated (till date)



Quantity of Covid-19 Waste Received & Treated at CBMWTF (till date)


Shree Consultant, Mysuru (20,647.50Kg)
Ramky Energy and Environmental Pvt Ltd., Mangalore (73,013.81Kg)
Prajwal Management Systems, Chikkaballapura (49,690.28Kg)
Prajwal BMW Management System, Hassan (20,525.07Kg)
Meera Envirotech, Kolar (9,318.10Kg)
Medicare Environmental Management Pvt Ltd, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural
Maridi Bio Industries Pvt Ltd.,Kanakapura Road, Ramanagara
Suryakanth Environmental Technology, Bellary (74,047.00Kg)
Sushanth Environment Technologies Private Ltd., Davangere (50,421.00Kg)
Association of Medical Establishment, Sy No.12, Khasabag Taluk, Belgaum District
Centre for Environment Education,Gulbarga (29,940.20Kg)
Enviro Biotech, Bidar (19,485.01Kg)
Hubli Dharwad Bio-medical waste treatment facility, Dharwad (76,204.70Kg)

ಸಂವಿಧಾನವನ್ನು ಪಾಲಿಸುವುದು, ಅದರ ಆಶಯಗಳನ್ನು ಗೌರವಿಸುವುದು
ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಧ್ವಜ ಮತ್ತು ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಗೀತೆಯನ್ನು ಗೌರವಿಸುವುದು–
ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬ ಭಾರತೀಯನ ಸಂವಿಧಾನಬದ್ಧ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿಜಯಕುಮಾರ್ ಗೋಯಲ್, ಭಾ.ಆ.ಸೇ.,
ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು

ಶ್ರೀ. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಲು, ಭಾ.ಆ.ಸೇ.,
ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು

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Hon'ble Chief Minister, Karnataka

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Plans for the year 2020-21
- Arrangements for training for Competitive Examinations like CET, NEET, JEE from the very first day of First PUC • Priority for Centralized Education based on the most Modern Educational Digital Content. • Adoption of State level Selection Procedure in order to provide opportunity for meritorious candidates.

Students of Residential Colleges of KREIS who have secured very high marks in the year 2019-20

Manjunath S. P - 99 C - 97 M - 100 B - 99
Sangamesh R. Hosakoti P - 100 C - 97 M - 100 B - 97
Sunil Vittal Talvar P - 100 C - 96 M - 100 B - 97
Soujanya K. C. P - 97 C - 99 M - 100 B - 96
Purnima Kalagoda P - 99 C - 94 M - 99 B - 100
Gnanendra M. P - 99 C - 93 M - 100 B - 99
Siddesh B. N. P - 97 C - 98 M - 99 B - 97
Chandana M. K. P - 99 C - 95 M - 100 B - 96
Tulasi V. P - 100 C - 96 M - 100 B - 93
Adarsha Kalyankumar P - 98 C - 94 M - 100 B - 97

Applications for Admission to 68 Residential Colleges of KREIS will be invited very soon

T. RAGHAVENDRA, K.A.S. (SG)
Executive Director, KREIS, Bengaluru

G. KUMAR NAIK, I.A.S
Principal Secretary to Government, Social Welfare Department, Bengaluru.

It is the Fundamental Duty of every Indian citizen to respect and follow the principles of everyone who has inspired the Freedom Struggle.

ALMANAC TODAY

- **Tuesday** 04/08/2020 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana:** Dakshinayana • **Ritu:** Varsha
- **Masa:** Sravana • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Prathami 8.34 pm • **Nakshatra:** Shravana 8.00 am
- Moon in Kumbha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am
- **Gulikakala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER WATCH

MIN 21°C | MAX 26°C

FORECAST
Light showers. Mostly cloudy

Sunrise	6.05 am
Sunset	6.45 pm
Moonrise	7.31 pm
Moonset	6.29 am

No fee money, more dropouts soon

Kids of domestic helps stare at grim future, parents unable to pay for classes

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

EVER since her husband ended his life unable to repay the loans over six months ago, Lakshmi, a domestic help in Garvebhavipalya, has been in despair. In addition to this personal loss, the pandemic-induced lockdown hit her hard, rendering her jobless from the two houses she worked at. She doesn't know how she will continue with the education of her daughter and son.

"My son who passed 10th standard said he will work part time to finance his PUC-I studies. However, I have no money to educate my daughter who will be in 10th standard. We cannot afford online classes. We will drop this academic year and restart her education next year," Lakshmi said.

> **Out of five homes I used to work, two of them let me go. I earn Rs 6,000 per month, and do not know how to educate my second child**
> Roopa, a domestic help

While one of her employers left the country and is yet to return, her other employer asked her to return to work post lockdown, only to stop her from coming once again this August due to rising Covid-19 cases.

She had no income during the lockdown and currently gets half salary from the second employer. To add to her troubles, she has loans to repay.

Suffering financial crunch and job loss, the impact on women who are domestic helps has a direct effect on their children. Unable to mobilise enough money to pay for their children's online classes at school for the next academic year, many are looking at keeping their kids home for a year.

Geeta Menon, joint secretary of Domestic Workers Rights Union, said, "They do not have tablets and smartphones or money to pay for classes held by private and aided schools. Domestic helps either do not have jobs now, have crossed age 50-55 and are asked not to report to work or are allowed to work only in fewer houses now."

Menon said husbands of these women work in the unorganised sector as well such as construction work, driving autos, street vending and have been hit by the pandemic.

"There is total helplessness and despair. The women are planning to make their children drop out of the next academic year or take them out of formal education entirely. We are unable to access any of the government departments owing to the pandemic and our previous petition submitted to the Labour Department elicited no response," Menon said.

Roopa, a domestic help from Ragigudda, is keen to educate both her boys but has got an RTE seat only for one. The school is not agreeing to let her pay fees for online classes in instalments and she doesn't know what to do next.

"Out of five homes I used to work, two of them let me go. I earn Rs 6,000 per month, have a loan of Rs 7,000 to repay and do not know how to educate my second child. The fee is Rs 28,000 which we cannot afford and we also have only one phone at home," Roopa said.

With no financial relief announced for this sector, unlike barbers, washermen, auto and cab drivers, children of these women stare at a grim future.

Montessori school offers free education

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

The Bengaluru-based Freethinking School, which follows the Montessori system, has made education literally free by launching the "Freedom from Fee" campaign that will run till March 2021. The offer gives parents the liberty to pay the fee according to their capacity. The offer is to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Maria Montessori on August 31 and Independence Day.

The offer also gives the option to 'Pay it Forward', where parents have the opportunity to help the children of their drivers or other employees to receive early education.

> **The programme is offered free to frontline Asha workers, nurses and other Covid Warriors for their services**
> Sandy Philip, Director, Freethinking School

Sandy Philip, director of the school, said, "In harmony with this spirit of Freedom, the programme is offered absolutely free to frontline Asha workers, nurses and other Covid Warriors for their service to one and all. It has been my dream to take Montessori to the masses. My vision was always to make quality education accessible, reachable and affordable and this helps me achieve that."

"Montessori at Home" is a monthly subscription programme designed to cater to 2.5 to 6-year-old's focusing on all the five Montessori areas -- Practical Life, Sensorial, Language, Mathematics and Cultural Extensions.

Freethinking School, which follows Montessori system of education, is letting parents pay what they can can under its Freedom from Fee campaign I EXPRESS

A BOND LIKE NO OTHER

Siblings celebrate Raksha Bandhan by tying rakhis, in Bengaluru, on Monday I VINOD KUMAR T

KSR Railway Station gets luggage disinfection kiosk

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TO ensure a safer entry for passengers, the Bengaluru Railway Division launched a unique luggage disinfection kiosk at KSR Railway Station on Monday.

An official statement said the kiosk — UV Baggage Bath — is designed to prevent transmission of Covid-19 from the outer surfaces of the bags. "The kiosk is an enclosed chamber beamed by ultraviolet C light from all directions, through which passenger luggage will be passed to disinfect viruses, bacteria and other pathogens that reside on their outer surface," the press note stated. The luggage will be handed over to the passenger with a sticker certifying it as "disinfected".

To ensure safety of passengers, there is an extended tunnel on both ends and UV-resistant flaps for the sides. Since most of the scheduled special trains arrive and depart from platforms 5, 6, 7 and 8, the kiosk is set up near the back entry point, the release said. Yeswanthpur will be the next station in Bengaluru to get the facility.

The optional service will be offered free of cost during the first month and nominal charges will be levied after that depending on patronage and operational cost.

A N Krishna Reddy, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Bengaluru, inaugurated the kiosk.

AirAsia adopts biometric self-boarding at B'luru airport

ENS @Bengaluru

OVER a year after Vistara adopted the biometric self-boarding system for its passengers at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), AirAsia India has now adopted it. The move aims at providing contactless and safe boarding for flyers.

DigiYatra is an industry-led initiative by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, wherein passenger verification can be digitally processed based on facial biometric systems at checkpoints, said an official release from KIA operator, Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL).

AirAsia India guests travelling from KIA can now avail this facility without presenting travel documents at every checkpoint by simply enrolling their facial biometric and ID card validation at one of the 11 kiosks, with their flight details.

The four-step process

- Register for DigiYatra using Registration Kiosks located at the Kerb.
- Proceed to Departure entry e-gates, scan boarding pass and match the face.
- At Security Check, validate credentials by allowing the camera to scan biometrics.
- Scan the face for validation and board the flight.

GOING GREEN

Pollution board's Ganesha plan: 1 million turmeric idols for festival

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

IN line with the all-round call to protect oneself from the rampaging coronavirus, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board has appealed to households celebrating Ganesha Chaturthi to create homemade idols out of turmeric due to its intrinsic health benefits. The Board's target is 10 lakh (1 million) idols for the festival, which falls on August 22. It has embarked on a massive social media campaign to achieve this.

The campaign just started on its website, its Facebook page and on YouTube as well as a radio station and will soon be visible on milk packet covers, sweets boxes and agarbatthi packets.

Srinivasulu, member secretary, KSPCB, told TNIE, "We are encouraging people to switch over to turmeric as it is a natural antioxidant, anti-inflammatory and antibiotic product which helps in sanitizing our home and protecting our environment."

"Top soil is mainly used in making the idols. This clay is invaluable and the lifeline for agriculture. If say even 10 lakh in Bengaluru and another 10 lakh switch over to turmeric, the half a kg used in each of those idols can be saved." By a rough estimate, 10 lakh kg of top soil saved will make a massive difference to the environment, he added.

The turmeric Ganeshas can be dissolved in buckets and the water can be sprinkled in gardens with no harmful effects, Srinivasulu said.

So how do you actually create a turmeric Ganesha? A 'Do it Yourself' method put out by the Board on YouTube has a young guide explaining thus: Equal amounts of maida and turmeric with seven to eight spoonfuls of sugar and water are the ingredients. For more info, access: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6ZZtt ZHXp4&t=3s or click this homepage link of KSPCB: https://kspcb.gov.in/default.asp

The KSPCB has challenged households to take photos of their turmeric Ganeshas and upload them on its Facebook page from August 21 to 23 and help reach the 1 million figure.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

04th August : It's a fine day for all Cancerian people today - and that doesn't just mean those of you born with the Sun in this secretive sign. It's actually favourable for everyone who is prepared to base their lives on their feelings and who place the highest value on the truth. I hope that includes you!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
An upbeat Moon, full of commonsense, is just what you need to get off to a good start. Given that there are few planetary pressures this week, you can do yourself a favour and drop any aspects of your life which have outlived their usefulness. Go on - you know you can do it!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
There are times when you can be so very stubborn, but once you have let go you will be able to turn almost any situation to your advantage. At the present time it's all very much a matter of confidence. If you are to do your best, then you need to know that you actually can succeed!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Mercury, the symbol of bright ideas, has a reputation for stirring up mischievous behaviour. This is bound to be enhanced under its current imaginative relationship with Neptune and Pluto, so you may break the rules - all within reason of course!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
All your instincts must be telling you to stay and put up a fight. However, the danger is that you'll be fighting old battles and, even if you win, it is unlikely to do you much good. And then there's the little matter of whether other people will back down - which they probably won't!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
What is revealed now may make you realise that people at home were keeping you in the dark long before you ever suspected it. Hopefully, your sense of humour is sufficient for you to take practical jokes in good part. If it's not, then please lighten up now - while you still have time.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
On a day when the Moon is roughly on your side, the opportunities for self-improvement are limitless. You may even return to activities from which you were once inexplicably barred. Hopefully, you yourself are also no longer making the same old excuses.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You should never try to blame others for your embarrassment, or for any irritation you feel over a current dilemma. There is no need to hold others responsible, for you can rectify the situation without their support. It will be tougher by yourself, but you might have a greater sense of satisfaction at the end.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You should now be beginning to feel very much more optimistic about your family situation, and confident that before the week is out the expected light will be well and truly at the end of what has been a very long tunnel. In other words, you can live in hope!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You may turn your gaze to professional affairs and see to it that all details are safely covered, if not by you then at least by others who are competent and responsible. There is no point in hanging back, not when there is so much to gain by moving forward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Your urge to make a stable nest and build a firm emotional base is powerful, but must now be paid for. Your financial hopes will have to be justified by your available resources, otherwise you'll have to think again. But when it comes to finding the answers, perhaps two heads will be wiser than one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You may be spoilt for choice. The only drawback is the possibility that you're so used to being told that such-and-such a thing is not for you, that you'll completely fail to notice when a golden opportunity passes by. Keep your eyes open!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Your solar chart is in a slightly peculiar state, and you seem to be even more reticent about your true feelings than ever you were in the past. Could the reason be that you made a commitment, but forgot to tell anyone about it? If so, then do something about it before friends get the wrong idea.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

OATMEAL?! BORING...
I ADDED MAPLE SYRUP, CINNAMON, SLICED APPLES AND STRAWBERRIES, RAISINS AND CRUSHED WALNUTS.
I COULD GO FOR THAT!
MAKE IT YOURSELF.

BEETLE BAILEY

DON'T YOU NEED TO GET MY SIGNATURE ON THAT REPORT?
I ALREADY SIGNED IT AND SENT IT, SIR
IT LOOKS JUST LIKE YOUR REAL SIGNATURE
SIGNING STUFF WAS ONE OF THE LAST THINGS LEFT THAT MADE ME FEEL IMPORTANT
GREG + MORT WALKER

BLONDIE

ARE YOU OKAY, HONEY?
I'M FINE, I GUESS... CONSIDERING "SOMEONE" FORGOT "SOMETHING"!
SOMEONE, WHOSE INITIALS ARE DB
DING DONG
D.B.? DAISY BUMSTEAD?
ANNIVERSARY PACKAGE... FOR BLONDIE BUMSTEAD!
SAVED BY AMAZON'S 1-HOUR DELIVERY!
OH MY!

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

2			8	5				
		6					4	
3	9	5	6					
9				1		6		
		8	5		2	9		
		1		7				8
					4	8	9	7
	3					4		
				2	5			6

HARD

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

5	3	9	8	6	2	4	7	1
8	6	4	1	7	3	9	2	5
7	1	2	9	5	4	3	6	8
4	8	7	6	1	5	2	9	3
3	5	1	2	4	9	7	8	6
9	2	6	7	3	8	1	5	4
6	7	8	4	9	1	5	3	2
1	9	5	3	2	6	8	4	7
2	4	3	5	8	7	6	1	9

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CNLIG

LNKTE

ISTAUH

CCNIES

These are all I could find to burn.
I hope we have everything. It's a long way back to the city.
CAMPERS AT THE REMOTE CAMPGROUND WERE ABLE TO BUILD A CAMPFIRE ---

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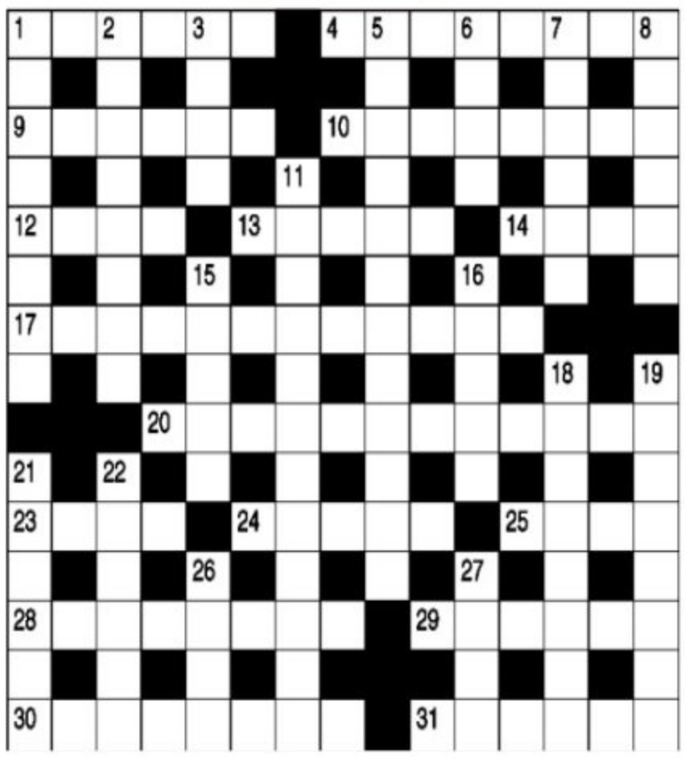
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: ○○ THE ○○○○○○

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BLEND SHOVE INVENT LUXURY
Answer: When boxer George Foreman started promoting his grill, he became a — "SELL-EBRITY"

CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Split stick (6)
4 Spiteful woman urges one to discard sin (3-5)
9 Ploughed a mowed field (6)
10 Bird ablaze with love (8)
12 Work involved in making soup (4)
13 and 14 Across She helps mistress dress to brighten dismal day (5,4)
17 Metal fasteners held together by a thread (4,3,5)
20 The aim of equal education? (7,5)
23 A number set about forming an alliance (4)
24 Investment for ploughing back? (5)
25 A case for a sempstress (4)
28 Intimation that union is in trouble and about to be terminated (8)
29 Hilda is upset about a bloomer (6)
30 Man of arms (8)
31 Virtuous but possibly cheats (6)

DOWN

1 It's not simple to make up (8)
2 It's clear the girl has a cute wiggle (8)
3 A big fiddle (4)
5 Obviously it's not plain (5,7)
6 Moist yet may be on fire (4)
7 Old German destroyer still active today? (6)
8 They're known for insurance in the main (6)
11 Gave spot cash? (4,2,3,3)
15 Cut the number in custody (5)
16 Animals there's a market for (5)
18 Mythical king who never quite got what he wanted (8)
19 Figure how much property I'm coming into (8)
21 Revealing report about Rhode Island (6)
22 Northerner has an extra fish (6)
26 Side of fresh meat (4)
27 Has old-fashioned way of expressing it (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Soaks, 4 Triples, 8 Aim, 9 Wholemeal, 10 Test run, 11 Orate, 13 Evince, 15 Etudes, 18 Owner, 19 Nursery, 21 Hurricane, 23 Spa, 24 Runners, 25 Speck.

Down: 1 Startle, 2 Admission, 3 Sower, 4 Thorny, 5 Iceboat, 6 Lie, 7 Solve, 12 Addressee, 14 Carmine, 16 Skylark, 17 Annals, 18 Other, 20 Reefs, 22 Ran.

Due to the lockdown in place in West Bengal, the Howrah-Yeswanthpur Express scheduled on August 5, 8, 16 and 23 will be cancelled. In the return direction, the Yeswanthpur-Howrah Express on August 710, 18 and 25 stand cancelled

BOMMAI, VALA TEST NEGATIVE

The CM and Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, on Friday visited Governor Vajubhai Vala. Following the CM's statement that he had tested positive, both Bommai and Governor Vala underwent tests, and the results of both were negative. Minister B A Basavaraj said he was going into home quarantine since he accompanied the CM to various events last week.

Entry to Raj Bhavan was prohibited on Monday after the CM tested positive for Covid-19; Right: The barricaded CM's Office | NAGARAJA GADEKAL, VINOD KUMAR T

Don't worry, I will be back soon: BSY

Yediyurappa's daughter, six employees of the CMO test Covid-positive too

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE@Bengaluru

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, currently undergoing treatment for Covid-19 at a private hospital here, said in a video on Monday that there was no need for anyone to worry and he would soon get back to work.

Meanwhile, a day after he tested positive, Yediyurappa's daughter B Y Padmavati too tested positive and was shifted to the same hospital that he is in. Random testing continued for the second day on Monday and the results are awaited. Family members and personal staff of the Chief Minister, including his younger son B Y Vijayendra, have gone into home quarantine.

Six employees at Yediyurappa's office have tested positive and more tests are being conducted, according to the CMO. Those infected include a gunman, two kitchen staffers, one housekeeping employee, one driver and a security personnel.

On Monday, Yediyurappa released a video from the hospital ward to say that all was well. "Doctors after tests last night and this morning have said that there are no issues and I will recover soon. There is no need for anyone to worry. I have been in touch with officials to ensure that work does not suffer. With the prayers and well wishes of the citizens of the State, I will recover soon and return to work," he said.

He also thanked several leaders like BJP national president J P Nadda, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, JDS national president and former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda and former Chief Ministers Siddaramaiah and H D Kumaraswamy for their wishes for his recovery. "At present, he (Yediyurappa) is doing well and is clinically stable. Appropriate treatment has been initiated as per current protocols. He is being treated and monitored closely by a multidisciplinary team of doctors," said a statement from Manipal Hospital where the CM is under observation.

Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar said that Yediyurappa may have to remain in the hospital for about 8 to 10 days. "The CM has a very mild cough and his chest is clear. All those who met him in the last 3-4 days...ideally they should be quarantined till they receive their results," he told agencies.

Special prayers held at Yediyur for CM's recovery

Tumakuru: In the wake of Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa testing positive for Covid-19, well-wishers on Monday held special pujas and rituals at the Siddalingeshwara temple at Yediyur -- the family deity of the CM -- praying for his speedy recovery. Priests performed rudrabhisheka, bilva patre archane and mahamangalarati.

NEW POLICE CHIEF KAMAL PANT UNDER HOME QUARANTINE

Bengaluru: Two days after taking charge as Bengaluru Police Commissioner, Additional Director General of Police Kamal Pant has had to quarantine himself at home as he called upon Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, who tested positive for Covid-19 on Sunday night. Pant worked from home on Monday and also held meetings via video conference. He also spoke to police personnel affected by the pandemic and interacted with their families. Soon after taking charge as Bengaluru's police chief on Saturday, Pant had met the CM according to protocol. Besides, as the chief of the state intelligence wing, the previous post held by Pant, he was meeting the CM on a daily basis almost and had reportedly done the same in the last week too. After Yediyurappa's tests results came back positive, Pant quarantined himself starting Sunday night.

Kamal Pant

CAPITAL GAMEPLAN

Corona hits Jarkiholi's plans, minister returns from Delhi

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

WATER Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, who flew to New Delhi on Sunday with plans of meeting the BJP central leadership, had to cut short his trip and return on Monday. The Belagavi 'sahukar' had gone to Delhi with a fixed schedule to meet BJP National President JP Nadda and nursed hopes of meeting Union Home Minister Amit Shah as well.

With Shah testing positive for Covid-19 on Sunday, and many leaders of the BJP, including Union ministers going into quarantine, Jarkiholi returned to Karnataka on Monday.

Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa testing positive for the coronavirus also contributed to Jarkiholi's trip being cut short. "All meetings stand postponed but the minister held a meeting with Karnataka's legal team and technical experts on water resources projects. He will return to New Delhi next week and meet Union ministers, including Water Resources Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat," said an official from Jarkiholi's office.

Jarkiholi's trip to Delhi had come barely days after Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi met Union ministers and the BJP central leadership, sparking off speculation of unrest in the State government. Jarkiholi's visit, sources said, was centred around lobbying for the DyCM post for himself, and ministerial berths for his compatriots H Vishwanath, MTB Nagaraj and R Shankar.

Jarkiholi was hoping to convince the BJP central leadership to make him DyCM, as promised, in place of Savadi, but his trip had to be cut short.

My Delhi visit was pre-scheduled, and I had even informed Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa before leaving. I went there to discuss development projects of the transport department, but some people tried to project this as lobbying to become the next chief minister. The visit had nothing to do with this

Laxman Savadi, Deputy Chief Minister said in Haveri after returning from New Delhi

CABINET EXPANSION TO BE DELAYED

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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WITH Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa being admitted to hospital on Monday after testing positive for Covid-19, the much-awaited cabinet expansion is not going to happen any time soon, dashing the hopes of several BJP hopefuls, party sources said.

In June, four BJP MLAs were elected to the Council -- M T B Nagaraj, R Shankar, Sunil Vallyapure and Prathap Simha Nayak. Last month, five MLCs -- A H Vishwanath, Bharathi Shetty, Shantharam Budna Siddi, C P Yogeshwar and Talwar Sabanna -- were nominated to the Upper House.

There was a buzz that Yediyurappa was slated to go to New Delhi this week to discuss the cabinet expansion with the party high command. However, Yediyurappa will be unable to travel anywhere for several days.

Dy CM Laxman Savadi, Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, and Minister for Women and Child Development Shashikala Jolle recently visited Delhi. Although they said they had gone to meet Union ministers, speculation is rife that they had gone to either ensure their posts remain with them, or to lobby for more.

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ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕನೀನಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ-ಪೋರ್ಟಾ ಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ (http://eproc.karnataka. gov.in) 4701 ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ದತ್ತವಾಡ ಕಾಲುವೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಸರ್ವೆ ಕನ್ಸಲನ್ಸಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಮೇಲ್ಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ವಿವರ :

ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	Two Cover System: Indent No: 30020
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ಟೆಂಡರಿಗೆ ಇಡಲಾದ ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.	86,000/-
ಟೆಂಡರ ಕುರಿತ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ / ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ಸಮಯ	10-08-2020, Up to 17.00 hrs.
ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ಸಮಯ	11-08-2020 Up to 16.00 hrs.
ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು (ಲಕೋಟೆ-I) ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	13-08-2020 at 11.00 hrs.
ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ (ಲಕೋಟೆ-I) ಪೂರ್ವಾಹತೆ ಹೊಂದಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು (ಲಕೋಟೆ-2) ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗೆ ಸಕ್ಷಮ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ಪಡೆದ ನಂತರ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಹೆಸರು/ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಅರ್ಹತೆ/ ಟೆಂಡರಿನ ನಿಯಮ/ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೊಸೆಸಿಂಗ್ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ http://www. eproc. karnata ka.gov.in ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯ ಬಹುದು ಅಥವಾ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಚೇರಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಅಥವಾ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರು, ಕನೀನಿ, ಭಬದಂಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ-4, ಚಿಕ್ಕೋಡಿ.

HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES Registered Office: Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahamedabad - 09.
Branch Office: HDB Financial Services Limited, 68/2 – 4th Floor, Loyal Towers, Greams Road,Thousand Lights, Chennai – 600 006 – Tamil Nadu.
Web:www.hdbfs.com, Email ID: compliance@hdfs.com CIN: U65993GJ2007PLC051028

DEMAND NOTICE Under sec 13(2) SARFAESI ACT 2002

You the below mentioned applicant and co - applicants availed a loan facility by creating security interest in favour of our company , As per the records of the company , there are irregularities observed of the repayment of the loan amount due to the mentioned irregularities of the loan accounts stands as NON PERFORMING ASSET in the companies book of accounts and pertinent to mentioned out here in the event of the multiple defaults in the repayment of the funded amount, The company intimated all of you on the discontinuation of the agreement through the loan recall notice issued. However all of you continued defaulting the repayment of the funded amount without taking any efforts towards the closure of the loan account. for the recovery of the outstanding dues,issued Demand notice 13(2) of the sarfasi act 2002.The contents of which are being published herewith as per 13(2) of the act R/w 3(1) of the security interest enforcement rules 2002,by way of alternative service upon the Applicants &Co-Applicants since notice not served. Details of the Applicant /Co-Applicants /Gurantor outstanding dues Secured properties are as under:

1. Name of the applicant /Co applicants 1. Galaxy Porjecs India Private Limited, No. 55/2, F1, Between 15th and 16th Cross, Malleshwaram Bangal, East Park Road, Bangalore - 560055. **2. Shubha V,** No. 134, Flat No. 401, Fortune Park View A, Vinayaka Layout, Vijayanagar, 4th Cross, 3rd Stage Bangalore - 560 040. **3. G K Ravi,** No. 134, Flat No. 401, Fortune Park View A, Vinayaka Layout, Vijayanagar, 4th Cross, 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560 040.

Loan A/c No. 518118, Loan recall notice dated 20.05.2015, Demand notice dated 08.07.2020, NPA dated on 03.01.2017, Outstanding dues Rs. 1,20,86,699.91 (Rupees One Crore Twenty Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Nine and Ninety One only) as of 08.07.2020 and future contractual interest till actual realization together with incidental expenses, cost and charges etc.

Details of the secured property: Schedule of the Property I: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No. 134, 4th Cross, 3rd Stage, Vinayaka Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560 040, Ward No. 35, Marenahalli. Measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 82 Feet, total measuring 4290 Sq. Feet and **bounded on the:** North: 30 Feet Road, South: C.A.Site (Park), East: site No. 133, West: Site No. 135.

Schedule of the Property II: Flat No. 401, Municipal No. 134/401-9/TFI, situated in "Fortune Park View Apartment", 3rd Floor, bearing Five Bedrooms, being constructed over the schedule "A" property. super built up area measuring approximate 1844 Square Feet, mosaic flooring with proportionate right in common areas including passages, lobbies, staircase, Private terrace and Three Car Parking areas on the stilt Floor, along with 1.60% or 522 Squre feet of undivided share, right, title interest in Schedule "A" Property and **Bounded on the:** North: Private terrace of this Flat and Thereafter 30 Feet Road, South: C.A. Site (Park), Est: Site No. 133, West: Site No. 135.

Therefore the company calls upon to discharge in full your liabilities stated here in above within 60 days from the date of this notice. Your outstanding liability owing to the company as per the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses , cost , charges, Borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub section 8 of the sec 13 Act.in respect of time available to redeem the secured Assets , Any non complaince of Sec 13(13)of the said act is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act you shall not transfer by sale ,lease or otherwise the said security property detailed in schedule above said of his notice without obtaining written consent of the company

Place: Bangalore
Date: 02-08-2020

For HDB Financial Services Ltd.,
Authorised Officer.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I, BENGALURU
No. 4, Second Floor, L.I.C. Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Bangalore-560 025. Karnataka

Form No. 14
(See Regulation 33 (2))

DRC No. 43/2020

UNION BANK OF INDIA, Hennur Branch, No. 606, Ground Floor, 4th Cross, 2nd Main Road, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Hennur Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 043.
...Certificate Holder
Versus
Shri. Shiva Prasad N. & Others
...Certificate Debtor(s)

DEMAND NOTICE

To,
1. Shri. Shiva Prasad N., S/o. Sri. Nangappa, Res. at : No. 415, 6th Main Road, HRBR Layout, 2nd Block, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru - 560043.
2. Smt. Uma Prasad, W/o. Shri. Shiva Prasad N., Res. at : No. 415, 6th Main Road, HRBR Layout, 2nd Block, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru - 560043.
3. Royal Concorde Educational Trust (A Trust duly constituted under the Provisions of Indian Trust Act represented by its Chairman Shri. Shivaramegowda) Registered Office : # 42, Suda Mansion, 1st Cross, 7th Main, Bangirihalli, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 085.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No. 1806/2018** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru **on 07/01/2020** an amount of **Rs.23,05,47,431.50/- (Rupees Twenty Three Crore Five Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty One and Paise Fifty Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:

a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 14th day of February 2020.

(RAJASEKHARAN R.)
RECOVERY OFFICER - I
DRT - 1, BANGALORE
Email: rajasekharan.r@nic.in

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax act 1961, read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:

"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money;

2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment''.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of General Public that our client is intending to purchase the vacant site bearing No.622, Property ID No. 32171 30732, situated at Block XI of Anjanapura formed by BDA, Bangalore, measuring 12 mrts x 18 mtrs admeasuring 216.00 sq mtrs which is more fully described in the Schedule Property here under from its owner Smt. M. Naina Rani, W/o P. K. Anand, aged about 63 years, R/at No. C-003, Samvriddhi Gardania Apartments, 88/3, Sahakara Nagar, A Block, Byatarayanapura Post, Bangalore-560092. Any person having any right, claim or interest over the schedule property may lodge their objections/claims in writing to the undersigned with documentary proof within 7 days from the date of this publication, in the event of no claim being received within stipulated 7 days, our client will proceed with further transaction to purchase the schedule property and no claim/s will be entertained after the said period.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing site No.622, Property ID No. 32171 30732, situated at Block XI of Anjanapura formed by BDA, Bangalore, within the limits of BBMP, measuring East-West 12.00 mtrs and North-South 18.00 mtrs admeasuring 216.00 Sq mtrs and bounded on the

East by : Property No.663, West by: Property No.661, North by : Road, South by : Property No.705 & 704

PASHA ASSOCIATES
No.11/1, Infantry Road, Next to HDFC Bank, Bangalore-560001. Mob: 9902557722

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our clients **Smt. Saroja & Smt. Govindammal** are the absolute owners of property bearing municipal No.61, Old No. 362, **PID No. 21-6-61**, situated at 12th Main Road, 6th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560 010, now measuring 30' x 30', which they had inherited from their father Rangaswamy who had purchased in **the year 1960** from one B.Ramachandrappa. As one Kemparaj was trying to interfere with their peaceful possession, our clients had filed injunction suits vide **O.S.No. 6111/2018 and 6112/2018,** before the Hon'ble City Civil Judge, Bengaluru, seeking permanent injunction and Private complaints against him vide **PCR No. 10652/2019** and **No. 10653/2019.** Despite several representation, BDA and BBMP had not issued Khatha in their favour and hence, our clients had filed Writ petitions against BDA and BBMP vide **W.P. No. 56946/2018 & W.P. No. 56951/2018,** seeking BBMP to issue Khatha. When the said suits and writ petitions are pending, the said Kemparaj, in collusion with some BDA officials, got a sale deed executed by BDA, in favour **his wife Smt.Padmavathi on 30.07.2019,** in respect of the aforesaid property, based on false representations. Subsequently, BDA issued Khatha in her favour. Our client also learnt that the said Smt.Padmavathi had entered into an agreement of sale with one Mr.Somashekar to sell the property of our clients in the month of November 2019. The fraud played on our clients had come to the knowledge of our clients when they paid property tax for the year 2020-21 and in the receipt, the name of the owner was shown as Smt. Padmavathi. Our clients had also lodged a complaint in this regard with **The Commissioner, BDA** to take action against the erred officials and to cancel the said sale deed and Khatha issued in favour of Smt. Padmavathi. When our clients had gone to native place with their family members and they were stuck owing to travel restrictions in view of COVID 19, someone had demolished the house of our clients and took away all their belonging including electricity meter, water meter and Gas cylinders etc., and a criminal case has been registered in **Crime No. 64/2020** of Magadi Road Police Station against Kemparaj & Others in this regard. The said Smt. Padmavathi and Mr. Somashekar are trying to alienate the property and may try to mortgage the said property based on the said sale deed. The general public are hereby **cautioned not to deal** with the aforesaid persons or any other person, with regard to the property bearing Municipal No.61, Old No. 362, **PID No. 21-6-61,** situated at 6th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560 010, as our clients are absolute owners and in possession of the said property.

M/s. P. NEHRU & ASSOCIATES,
Advocates, No.121, 3rd Cross, Prakashnagar, Bengaluru-560 021.
Mob. Nos. 98450 73109, 98805 35228
Date: 3-8-2020

Repco Home Finance

REPCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED
109, First Floor, A - Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

1) Whereas the undersigned being Authorised Officer of Repco Home Finance Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice** dated **29-06-2019** calling upon the **Borrower: Mr. T.H. Renukaiah,** S/o, Hanumanthaiah, No.92/2, Indiranagar, Gangodanahalli Main Road, Doddabidarakallu, Bangalore - 560 073, **Co-Borrower: Mrs. R. Hema,** W/o, T.H. Renukaiah, No. 92/2, Indiranagar, Gangodanahalli Main Road, Doddabidarakallu, Bangalore - 560 073, **Guarantor: Mr. R. Venkatesh,** S/o, Raja, Kammasandra Village, SLN Layout, Lakshmipura Post, Bangalore - 560 021 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice vide **Loan Account No. 2581860000345** being **Rs.25,13,064/-** with further interest from **19-06-2019** onwards and other costs thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower, Co-Borrower and the Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, co-borrower, guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules on this the **28th day of July 2020.**

The Borrower, Co-Borrower, Guarantor and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Repco Home Finance Limited, Asset Recovery Branch, 109, First Floor, A - Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bengaluru – 560 001 vide **Loan Account No. 2581860000345** for an amount of **Rs.27,80,516/-** with further interest from **13-07-2020** onwards and other costs thereon.

We draw your attentions to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset.

Description of the Property

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No. 105, Katha No. 226, situated at Doddabidarakallu Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 42 ft and North to South 30 ft totally measuring 1260 Sq.ft., together with building constructed theron comes within the limits of BBMP, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by: By Road **West by:** Site No. 93 **North by:** Remaining Property **South by:** Site No. 104

2)Whereas the undersigned being Authorised Officer of Repco Home Finance Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice** dated **29-08-2019** calling upon the **Borrower: Mr. S. Rangaswamy,** S/o, Shivanna, No.84-85, 2nd Main, Kirloskar Layout, Chikkabidarakallu, Nagasandra (P), Bangalore – 560 073, **Also at,** M/s. SLR Wood Industries and Plywood, Dasanpura, Nelamangala Taluk, Tumkur Main Road, Bangalore – 562 123, **Co-Borrower: Mrs. R. Sujatha,** W/o. Mr. Rangaswamy, No. No.84-85, 2nd Main, Kirloskar Layout, Chikkabidarakallu, Nagasandra (P), Bangalore – 560 073, **Also at,** M/s. Sri. Ranganatha Stores, No. 37, Rangappa Building, Chikkabidarakallu, Bangalore – 560 073, **Guarantor: Mr. S. Gurumurthy,** S/o, Rudramuniyappa, No.25, Iyengar layout, Near Anjaneya temple, Thippenahalli, Nagasandra, Bangalore – 560 073 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice vide **Loan Account No. 1121860003052** being **Rs.1,52,01,162/-** with further interest from **26-07-2019** onwards and other costs thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice

The Borrower, Co-Borrower and the Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, co-borrower, guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules on this the **28th day of July 2020.**

The Borrower, Co-Borrower, Guarantor and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Repco Home Finance Limited, No. 109, I floor, A Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 001, vide **Loan Account No. 1121860003052** for an amount of **Rs.1,53,42,423/-** with further interest from **28-07-2020** onwards and other costs thereon.

We draw your attentions to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset.

Description of the Property

SCHEDULE - A:-

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.01, Katha No.144/1, Property ID No. 15020020040140014 7 formed in converted old Sy.No.63, New Sy.No.81, 64/1 and 64/2A, converted for residential purposes as per Irder No. ALN(N)SR/54/2004-05 DATD 24-07-2004, situated at Gowdanahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, residential layout called as SAI LAKSHMI RESIDENCY, as per the plan approved by Nelamangala Planning Authority, vide Release order No. NPA/LAO/06/2005-06 DATED 12.12.2005.

Measuring:-

East to West: 66 Feet **North to South:** 40 Feet

Totally measuring 2640 Sq.Ft.

And bounded on the:-

East by: 30 Feet wide Road; **West by:** Panchayath property (GOMALA); **North by:** 30 Feet wide Road; **South by:** Site No.02.

SCHEDULE – B:-

ITEM No.1: Flat No.101, Ground Floor, Built up area 846 Sq.ft., UDS 200 Sq.ft., at Sri Lakhsmi Residency in the above Schedule A Property.
ITEM No.2: Flat No.103, First Floor, Built up area 490 Sq.ft., UDS 205 Sq.ft., at Sri Lakhsmi Residency in the above Schedule A Property.
ITEM No.3: Flat No.105, Second Floor, Built up area 922 Sq.ft., UDS 390 Sq.ft., at Sri Lakhsmi Residency in the above Schedule A Property.
ITEM No.4: Flat No.106, Second Floor, Built up area 1022 Sq.ft., UDS 420 Sq.ft., at Sri Lakhsmi Residency in the above Schedule A Property.
ITEM No.5: Flat No.107, Third Floor, Built up area 922 Sq.ft., UDS 390 Sq.ft., at Sri Lakhsmi Residency in the above Schedule A Property.
ITEM No.6: Flat No.108, Third Floor, Built up area 1022 Sq.ft., UDS 420 Sq.ft., at Sri Lakhsmi Residency in the above Schedule A Property.

3) Whereas the undersigned being Authorised Officer of Repco Home Finance Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice** dated **16-07-2019** calling upon the **Borrower: Mr. R. Hemanth,** S/o, A. Ramachandra, No. 215, D Block, Parasamane Apartment, Near RV College, K S Town, Bangalore - 560 059, **Also at,** Maruthi Mobiles, No. 215 D Block, After RV College Road, KS Town, Bangalore – 560 059, **Co-Borrower: Mrs. Manjula,** W/o, Ramachandra, No. 215, D Block, Parasamane Apartment, Near RV College, K S Town, Bangalore - 560 059, **Guarantor: Mr. Sai Prasad Reddy,** S/o, Venkata Reddy, No. 154-EWS, 1st D Main, 8th Cross, 2nd Stage, Near APEX Bank, KS Town, Kengeri Upanagara, Bangalore - 560 060 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice vide **Loan Account No. 2581890000020** being **Rs.25,17,956/-** with further interest from **16-07-2019** onwards and other costs thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower, Co-Borrower and the Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, co-borrower, guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules on this the **28th day of July 2020.**

The Borrower, Co-Borrower, Guarantor and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Repco Home Finance Limited, Asset Recovery Branch, No. 109, First Floor, 'A' Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 001 vide **Loan Account No. 2581890000020** for an amount of **Rs.29,28,902/-** with further interest from **06-07-2020** onwards and other costs thereon.

We draw your attentions to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset.

Description of the Property

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No. 32, Municipal Katha No. 6004/225/2A, BBMP Kengeri, Ward No. 189, Carved out of land being portion of property bearing Sy. No. 225/2A, situated at Kengeri Village and Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring:-

East to West: Towards North 47 feet Towards South 36/2 feet **North to South:** Towards East 50 feet Towards West 51/2 feet

Totally measuring 2087 Sq.Ft., and bounded on:-

East by: Site No. 33 **West by:** Storm water Channel **North by:** Road **South by:** Site No. 38

Place: **Bengaluru**
Date: **28-07-2020**

Authorised officer
Repco Home Finance Limited

TRACKING COVID-19

IISc has obtained approval from BBMP to start a sample collection facility and testing samples at its Covid test centre to obtain results quickly, as per institute officials

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62,500 TOTAL RECOVERED

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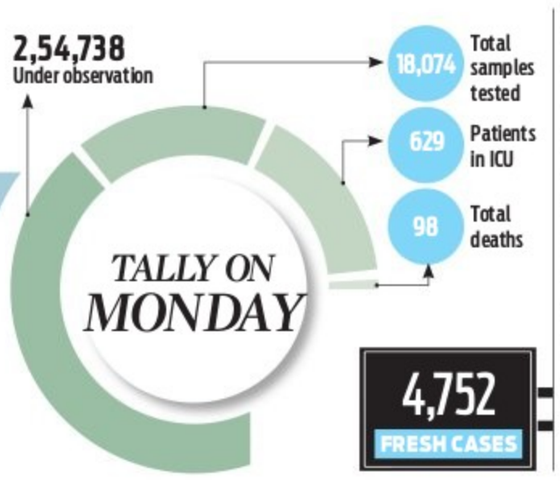

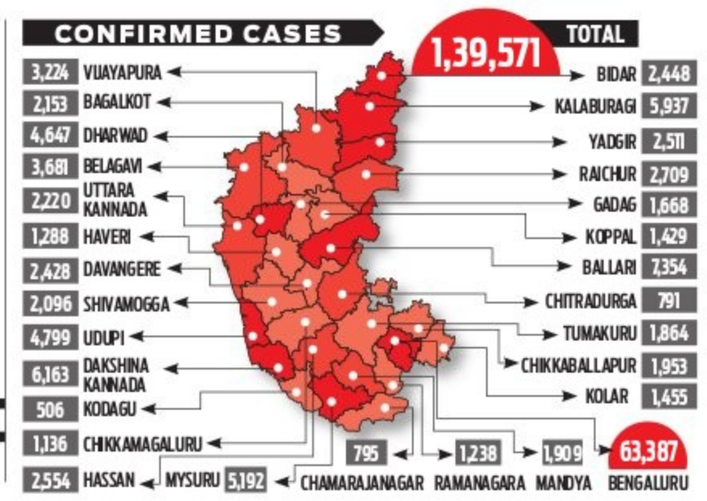

Serum Institute gets nod for Oxford vaccine Phase 2, 3 trial

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@New Delhi

THE Drugs Controller General of India has allowed the Serum Institute of India (SII) to conduct Phase-2 and Phase-3 human clinical trials of a potential Covid-19 vaccine, developed by the Oxford University.

The SII has a manufacturing partnership with AstraZeneca, which has got the licence for the vaccine.

The experimental vaccine, AZD1222, produced promising immune response in early-stage clinical trials, the Lancet said two weeks ago, raising hopes it would be available for public use by the year-end.

Sources said the subject expert committee of the Central Drugs Standards Control Organisation gave its nod for the trial on Sunday evening after evaluating it thoroughly.

According to the study design, each subject will be administered two doses of the vaccine four weeks apart (first dose on Day 1 and the second dose on 28th day) following which the safety and immunogenicity will be assessed at predefined intervals.

SII has to submit safety data of Phase-2, evaluated by the Data Safety Monitoring Board, to the regulator before it can proceed to Phase-3.

Currently, Phase 2, 3 clinical trials of the Oxford vaccine are in the UK, while Phase-3 clinical trial has started in Brazil. In South Africa, the vaccine is being assessed in Phase-1 and Phase-2 trials.

This vaccine candidate uses a common cold virus, which has been weakened so that it can't cause any disease in humans, and is genetically modified to code for the spike protein of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Advantage India

India trial is crucial as it will reveal how pre-existing immunity levels will impact response to the Covid-19 vaccine

'RECOVERY DATA MAY NOT GIVE REAL PIC'

Experts say discharge, home quarantine policy boosting recoveries

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

EVEN as Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar has been tweeting about the substantial upswing in Karnataka's Covid-19 recovery rate, at 42.81%, public health experts and epidemiologists have raised questions on the entire process of calculating the recovery rate, and said that focussing on this is not right during a pandemic. Instead, they say the focus should be on the level at which recoveries happen — serious, medium, mild or with co-morbidities.

According to experts, currently, recovery rate is calculated comparing the total number of discharged patients with the total number of Covid-positive patients as denominator. "This is converted into percentage and shown as recovery rate of a certain state or region, and is done even in central data. However, it is not right," explains a senior virologist, on condition of anonymity.

He says, "Recovery rate plus mortality rate should add up to 100. But if you take the case of Karnataka or any state, this doesn't come across when we analyse data," he explained.

He says the number of active patients should not be considered as recovered, as their outcome is not known yet.

Meanwhile, health experts claim that recovery rate is improving because of the government's revised discharge policy. According to this, there is no need to test mild and moderate cases before discharge, so if a set of patients is admitted with mild symptoms, or is asymptomatic, then on the 10th day, the discharge numbers would be high. Also, those in home quarantine are to remain isolated for 17 days, after which they are considered recovered, but now they are considered recovered if they show no symptoms in 10-14 days.

Confirming this, a senior public health expert says, "Recovery rate is misleading information." He explains that more than 90% of people are asymptotic or mild. So when they are said to have "recovered", it just means it's been 10 days since diagnosis and they have shown no clinical symptoms for three days. "Nearly 90% infected patients recover. What's more important is the percentage of clinically symptomatic (requiring hospital admission) patients recovering or dying. How many days it takes them to recover etc needs to be calculated," he explained.

Data compilation, according to senior epidemiologists, is not uniform in any part of the country. However, Dr Giridhara Babu R, a senior epidemiologist on the technical advisory committee to the government, says the focus should not be on recovery rate but on mortalities.

"Ultimately, 80% of them will recover. We should look at deaths per million, as it shows the burden of infection on society. Very few countries actually look at recovery rate, the focus should be on how to ensure that our mortality rate, which is low compared to others, remains so and how many lives we save," Dr Giridhara Babu said.

However, Dr M Madan Gopal, former principal secretary, health department, said, "It is a good sign to focus on recovery rate as this will instil confidence in the public, and there is a lot of panic. We are doing more testing and also checking viral load, which gives us accurate results."

DISCHARGES UP

The recovery rate in Karnataka has increased by 5.67 per cent in the last one week, as per data posted on social media by Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar

Date	Discharges	Total recovered	Recovery rate
July 27	1,847	37,685	37.14%
July 28	2,819	40,504	37.85%
July 29	2,397	42,901	38.13%
July 30	3,793	46,694	39.36%
July 31	3,130	49,788	40.11%
August 1	3,860	53,648	41.49%
August 2	4,077	57,725	42.81%

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Dr Giridhara Babu R, epidemiologist

Thermal screening being conducted on people entering Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru, on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

A day after CM BS Yediyurappa tested positive for Covid-19, health workers visit Krishna, his official residence, in Bengaluru, on Monday | SHRIRAM BN

State drops to 3rd spot in top active cases

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MARKING a record highest number of discharges of 4,776 in a single day and adding a relatively lower number of Covid-19 positive cases to its tally on Monday saw Karnataka dropping to the third position in the highest number of active cases among the states in the country.

Andhra Pradesh with 76,377 active cases (currently under treatment) is now at the #2 position after the grim topper Maharashtra with 1,48,537. For the last few days, Karnataka had taken the Number 2 position. On Monday, the state saw the number of active cases at 74,469, falling by 0.16 per cent compared to the Sunday figure of 74,590, thanks to the record discharges on Monday. With this, the state's recovery rate, too, has improved to 44.78 per cent from 42.81 per cent on Sunday. This figure had consistently dropped since the first week of July until July 20, when it made a turnaround. The total number of discharged in Karnataka now stands at 62,500.

Bengaluru tops the state in both total cases and discharges. The largest chunk of recoveries was from Bengaluru, with 2,693 patients walking out of hospitals. The city reported 1,497 new cases, which is also the highest when compared to other districts.

The city now has 60,998 positive cases and 23,603 discharges. The state's tally of positive cases stands at 1,39,571 cases with 98 deaths, taking the state's toll to 2,594 fatalities. Here too, Bengaluru contributed with the most deaths at 27 on Monday, taking the city's toll to 1,104.

Eight people died at their residences, while one was brought dead to the hospital.

Following Bengaluru, Mysuru reported 372 positive cases, Ballari saw 305 cases, Bagalkot 209 cases and Dharwad 191 cases.

IISc comes clean: 19 on campus test +ve

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INDIAN Insitute of Science (IISc) officials have finally broken their silence on the Covid outbreak on the campus. This comes just days after *TNIE* reported that students were living in fear due to the lack of transparency at the institute.

An official press note said that 19 people on the IISc campus — including students, faculty, staff and their family members — tested positive for Covid-19, as on July 31. As many as 34 pensioners and employees who live off-campus also tested positive.

On retesting, 12 of 15 Covid-positive students staying in hostels tested negative, officials said. Containment protocol was in place with respect to disinfection and sanitisation of hostels and departments to which the patients belong, they said.

"Entry into IISc is strictly monitored. At the gates, security and safety protocols are followed rigorously. Unauthorised visitors are not allowed into the campus, and members of the institute are being encouraged to work from home. Anyone entering the campus has to produce a valid ID and state the reason for entry. At the hostels, strict physical distancing measures are being implemented. Dining at the mess is restricted, common areas are cleaned and sanitised regularly. Arrangements are made to provide food and essential items for residents when a floor is sealed in the event of a student testing positive," the press release said.

A committee comprising faculty members, students, staff and medical officers is in charge of monitoring the situation at the institute.

FIRST +VE CASE AT IIMB

A member of the agency that handles the outdoor horticulture work on the IIMB campus tested positive for Covid-19 on Saturday, a spokesperson of the institute, Kavitha K, said. All 50 primary contacts of the person are in home quarantine, with assurance of full salary, as per the institute. Public areas on campus have been sanitised, and IIMB is following all protocols suggested by the BBMP, and supervised by the Resident Medical Officer and Chief Administrative Officer on campus, she added. ENS

Make stand clear on Arogya Setu, HC tells Centre, State

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THE Karnataka High Court on Monday asked the Centre and State to make it clear whether or not services will be denied to people who have not downloaded the Arogya Setu app.

A division bench of Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi said during the hearing of a PIL filed by Anivar A Aravind, a resident of Cox Town in Bengaluru, that the respondent authorities — Ministries of Home Affairs, Railways, Civil Aviation and the government of Karnataka – must make their stand clear on behalf of the Centre and State.

The bench granted time to the Airports Authority of India (AAI) to submit its response on its communication dated July 30, which made it mandatory for all passengers to use the app.

The court directed the State to make clear whether it or its institutions had issued a communication making it a must for people to use the app to avail of services, specifically, Metro services.

This was after the Centre informed the court that the use of the app by passengers was premature as Metro services will remain suspended until August 31.

Additional Solicitor General MB Naragund submitted that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had made it clear in the SOP that use of the app is not mandatory. However, the AAI's communication was based on quarantine regulations issued by the respective states, Naragund told the court.

COVID WATCH

TEXTILE FACTORY WORKERS LOCKED UP, ABANDONED

Hassan: The management of textile unit Himatsingka Linens allegedly locked up and abandoned over a hundred of its employees, who had tested positive for Covid-19, inside the premises. Earlier, the district administration had strictly directed the management to take care of the employees by quarantining them at the premises and providing necessary facilities to them. Health officials rushed to the spot after a video of the employees locked up at the unit vent viral on social media. Now, sources say, the patients have been shifted to the designated Covid-19 hospital. ENS

KEEPING VIRUS AT BAY

Coronavirus doesn't dare enter these tribal hamlets

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

THE whole world may be battling the Covid-19 pandemic, but the deadly virus seems to have no impact on the tribals living in and around the forests. No case has been reported in Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and parts of Kodagu. This could be due to the high immunity levels of the tribals who depend on nature for medicinal remedies.

The tribal population spread in more than 300 Hadis of Eastern and the Western Ghats have set an example to others to fight the virus with traditional foods. Also self-imposed lockdown, home quarantine, precautionary measures like maintaining social distance, ban on entry of outsiders, curbs on migration and discipline have made them remain safe in their hamlets.

Although many youths have returned from Bengaluru, Mangaluru and other cities and have undergone Covid-19 tests, there is not a single case.

The tribals depend on roots and tubers and greens. They consume natural fruits like wood apple and nerale (jamun). Shirasagar, a writer who worked on the food habits of the tribal population, said that they consume 80 varieties of greens that have medicinal values and also help boost immunity.

Tribals block the entrance to their hamlet near Hunsur | EXPRESS

P K Ramu, a tribal from Hosahalli Hadi, said that there has been no Covid-19 case in 38 Hadis in Hunsur taluk as many have fenced their areas.

He said that the naturally available bamboo shoots, fish and crabs have helped them keep themselves warm that will also boost immunity.

Bommaiah of BR Hills said that they consume pure honey, which has great medicinal properties.

He said cell phones have enhanced their awareness of the virus. Many of them have decided not to migrate to estates in neighbouring districts and states as they want to keep themselves safe. "We are happy that many including women and children have made it a point to wear a mask or even cover their face with a piece of cloth," he added.

A few organisations working for the empowerment of the tribals have formed teams to visit the Hadis, gather information and educate them on Covid-19 norms.

"The tribal love to live a full life and the determination to overcome the pandemic has seen that they and their children don't step out of their villages," said Sreekanth of DEED, an NGO.

District Health Officer Venkatesh said that there are zero cases in the tribal hamlets . He said they have roped in taluk health officers and health workers to create awareness. "We have decided to conduct Rapid Antigen Test randomly from next week," he added.

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CITY INFRA PUSH

Workers on a scaffold at the construction site of the Shivajinagar Metro Station in Bengaluru on Monday | VINOD KUMAR T

Students want draft EIA scrapped

Write to environment ministry seeking its withdrawal, say petitions on govt portal ignored

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

AT least 1,600 students from across the country, over 20 law college student councils and legal aid clinics, 150 independent law students, and at least 70 other student councils and clubs have written to the environment ministry, seeking withdrawal of the draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) 2020.

The 22-page detailed letter, drafted by the Legal Aid Clinic of Jindal Global Law School, contains suggestions for each sub-clause of the draft EIA 2020 that the students oppose. The movement, coordinated by The Yugma Network and Youth For Swaraj, includes student groups from colleges such as National Law University, Delhi, National Law School of India University, National Academy of Legal Studies and Research, Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University, National Law University, The National University of Advanced Legal Studies, among others.

"On a comparative analysis of EIA regulations in India with countries of the European Union and USA, India deliberately limits involvement of public and government agencies in the initial stages and has no provision to account for landscape and visual impacts of a project," the students have written. They suggest that India implement an environmental policy that follows Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration – the right to freely access information on environmental quality and problems, right to participate meaningfully in decision-making, and seek enforcement of environmental laws or compensation for harm.

Some of their suggestions include flexible time period for public consultation with a minimum of 60 days, consultation method that requires a participatory approach, and equal opportunity for every stakeholder to voice opinion. "We shot off the first letter, signed by at least 60 student unions from across the country, to the ministry on June 25. As it did not evoke a response, we sent another letter to the Prime Minister's Office three days later. We also filed multiple complaints on MyGov portal, but all were rejected," they alleged.

LOANS FOR FARMERS

Zero-interest booster for dairy, fisheries

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka government is giving a zero-interest loan of up to Rs 2 lakh to farmers who are willing to take up dairying and fisheries. The cooperation department's initiative is expected to help people who have lost jobs in urban areas and returned to their villages and towns.

At present, in Karnataka, farmers can take up to Rs 3 lakh as crop loan without interest, through cooperative banks. The government has come forward to extend this facility to farmers taking up dairying and fisheries, but up to Rs 2 lakh. With this, Karnataka will be the first state to introduce zero per cent loan in dairy and fisheries.

However, farmers who want to avail of loans in all three or more than two sectors, cannot exceed an amount of Rs 3 lakh.

There are 14 cooperative milk societies with more than 25 lakh members in Karnataka. Of them, at least 10 lakh farmers supply milk. Similarly, around 6,000 fishermen are members of various fishery societies. The zero-interest loan is for all of them.

A senior cooperation department official said this is the first of its kind in India. "We are aware of many people, especially youngsters, returning to their villages. They can take up fisheries or dairying, and avail of the loan. We have instructed officials to take up applications and disburse loans," an official said.

The department of fisheries is also checking the possibility of including health card and other facilities for fisher folk located in coastal districts.

Minister visits Naxal-hit village in Koppa

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chikkamagaluru

PRIMARY and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar visited a Naxal-hit village in Koppa taluk of Chikkamagaluru district on Tuesday.

Adarsh, an SSLC student in a remote Vorle village of Koppa taluk, has drawn the attention of Kumar through an interaction about lack of facilities in the village to attend online classes. "It is not possible for me to take part in SSLC online classes because there is no power connection to my village. Internet connection is a distant dream. Students walk 5 km through a mud road to reach the school," he told the minister.

Kumar announced that he would visit villages in Koppa and Sringeri taluks soon. Immediately, education department officials swung into action. The BEO of Koppa taluk paid a visit to Adarsh's house and collected information on the family's condition, road and mobile connectivity. Even the Sringeri BEO visited and assured him that his problems would be fixed.

BEO Nagaraj said that he will carry out a survey of villages in the taluk lacking mobile network and power connection and provids alternative facilities. Students in 102 villages in Malnad region are facing this problem, he added.

Lorry drivers to go on strike if demands not met

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE president of the Federation of Karnataka Lorry Owners Association, B Channa Reddy, on Monday threatened that the lorry owners of the state will join a nationwide strike if their demand of slashing diesel prices was not considered by the State and Central governments.

Addressing a press conference, Reddy said the Centre increased the diesel rate 'abnormally' not because of the international crude prices, but by levying exorbitant taxes.

He said that up to 93 lakh trucks were engaged in goods transport, of which 90 per cent are owned by single truck owners who own up to five trucks each. The running cost of each truck is ₹26 per kilometer towards diesel.

"All these owners buy the trucks on a hire-purchase system and have to pay monthly installments or else the vehicles are seized by the financiers. When the entire country is suffering economically, the Centre's decision to levy of abnormal taxes on diesel and petrol only adds to the misery of lakhs of truck owners in India, curtailing their capacity to employ other people," he said.

The lorry owners' associations across the country have come together to give a month's ultimatum to the Centre for their demands to be met, failing which they would launch the strike.

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ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಸುತ್ತೋಲೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 07/2019 ರನ್ವಯ ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಡಿ.ಡಿ. ಹಾಗೂ ದಾಖಲಾತಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯನ್ನು ಸ್ಥಗಿತಗೊಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಈ ಕುರಿತು **ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ವೆಬಸೈಟ್ https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಅಥವಾ D.T.O** ರವರ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:**7760992252**ಗೆ ಕರೆಮಾಡಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಅಥವಾ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ವಿಷಯ ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರನ್ನು ಈ.ಕ.ರ.ಸಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ವಿಜಯಪುರ ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ (ಸಂಚಾರ ಶಾಖೆ) ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಭೇಟಿ ಮಾಡಿ ವಿಚಾರಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

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ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ
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ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ./ವಿಜಯ/209/2020-21/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿ

THE NANDI SAHAKARI SAKKARE KARKHANE NIYAMIT, KRISHNANAGAR, POST: HOSUR-586113 TQ : BABALESHWAR DIST:VIJAYAPUR (BIJAPUR),KARNATAKA STATE
Tel. No. 08355-280015 Email: nandisugarpo@gmail.com
Ref No. NSSK/Modn.cum Expansion/ 551 /2020-21 Date: 03-08-2020

Short Term Tender Notice

for Design, Supply, Erection and Commissioning of Electrical Distribution System HT, LT Panels and Transformers for our Expansion of Sugar Plant from 5000 to 10000 TCD with 37 MW Bagasse based Co-Generation Project.

1) Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide/O.E.M.Manufacturers, who are registered with NCDC/NFCSFL – under Two Stage tender (Ist Stage – Technical Bid, IInd Stage – Price Bid) System in the prescribed standard tender documents for the following package on turnkey basis for design, manufacture, supply, erection & commissioning;

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Project	Tender Fee (Rs. Ps.)	E.M.D. (Rs. Ps.)
1	NSSK/Co-gen/ /EDP	Design, Supply, Erection and Commissioning of Electrical Distribution System HT, LT Panels and Transformers for our Expansion of Sugar Plant from 5000 to 10000 TCD with 37 MW Bagasse based Co-Generation Project.	Rs. 25,000=00	2% of tender amount shall have to be paid by way of D.D. of a Nationalised Bank drawn in favour of Nandi Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane Niyamit, payable at Vijayapur (Bijapur). Karnataka State.

2)Qualification Requirements:

a) The Bidders should be manufacturers and should be in the line of business of manufacturing in the same field for the last five years and net worth should be in positive for the last consecutive five years.
b) The bidders for the Electrical Distribution package (EDP) should have designed, engineered, supplied, erected and commissioned minimum Three (3) complete Plant. The said plants should be in operation for a minimum period of Three (3) seasons without failure.
c) The bidders for Electrical Distribution package (EDP) should have designed, engineered, supplied, erected and commissioned a minimum 20 MW and above capacity each of Three (3) Minimum Plants. The said plants should be in operation for a minimum period of Three (3) seasons without failure.
3) The tender documents can be obtained from the Nandi Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane Niyamit, Krishnanagar, Post : Hosur, Taluka Babaleshwar District : Vijayapur, Karnataka State on working days between **11.00 AM to 4.00 PM** from **06-08-2020 to 20-08-2020** on submission of prescribed non-refundable tender fee by way of DD of a Nationalised Bank drawn in favour of **"Nandi Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane Niyamit,** payable at Vijayapur(Bijapur). For Purchase of online Tender form may please remit fees to our **A/c No: 912020015157111 IFC Code: UTID 0000525 Axis Bank Ltd., Vijaypur (Bijapur)**
4) All the bidders should send their technical queries, if any, in the bid documents to the following consultant and General Manager of the factory **on or before 25th August, 2020** so that the same can be discussed during the pre-bid meeting.
5) The pre-bid meeting for Electrical package will be held at Nandi Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane Niyamit, Krishnanagar Site on 31st August, 2020 at 11.30 A.M .
6) The technical and unpriced commericial bids alongwith price bids shall be submitted **on or before 5.00 P.M. on 07-09-2020** at the office of the Nandi Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane Niyamit, Krishnangar, Tq. Babaleshwar Dist : Vijayapur, Karnataka State. The date of opening of technical and unpriced commercial bids will be intimated separately. The date and time of opening of the price bids will be intimated to the qualified bidders.
Please note that the Three copies of (Technical+Commercial) bids should be submitted in one envelope and Price Bid should be submitted in Second Envelope. DD for EMD amount should be submitted in the Third Envelope. All three envelopes should be clubbed together in one envelope and submitted. All envelopes should be clearly superscribed as Technical & Commercial Bid, Price Bid and EMD DD as the case may be.
7) The bidders are advised to prepare the bids completely in line with the tender requirements without any commercial or technical deviations.
8) For any Technical & Commercial clarification on the tender documents, the bidders may contact Mr. A.C. Patil General Manager of the Factory on Cell No. 9900559353 – Fax No. 08355-280011/280016 or our Project Consultants ,M/s. Vasantdada Sugar Institute, Pune, Sri. P.G..Patil, HOD & Electrical Tel. No. 9922603054 Fax No. 020-26902244 and get their points clarified before the submission of the bids.
9) The bidders shall furnish unambiguous information, in the appropriate format of the tender, regarding their qualifications and experience. Non-compliance will entail disqualification of the bidder.
10) With regard to the acceptability of the bids, the decision of the Nandi Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane Niyamit will be final. NSSKN shall not be responsible for any delay/loss in post or non-receipt of tender documents. NSSKN reserves the right to reject any or all tenders in part or in full without assigning any reasons therefor

Sd/-
(P.B.Kalagi) **(H.R.Biradar)** **(S. B. Patil)**
MANAGING DIRECTOR **VICE CHAIRMAN** **CHAIRMAN**

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ADITHI RADHAKRISHNAN**, Resident of No. 52223, Prestige Falcon City, Konankunte Cross, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560062, have changed my name from **ADITHI SANTHOSH** to **ADITHI RADHAKRISHNAN.** Vide affidavit dated 3-8-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Smt. Rajamani, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **CHITRAJA RADHAKRISHNAN**, Resident of No. 52223, Prestige Falcon City, Konankunte Cross, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560062, have changed my name from **CHITRAJA GOVIND** to **CHITRAJA RADHAKRISHNAN.** Vide affidavit dated 3-8-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Smt. Rajamani, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **M. ABDUL ALEEM alias AMJAD PASHA**, S/o. M. Syed Abbas alias Sunna Saheb, aged about 68 years, residing at No. 36, 2nd Cross, D' Costa Square, Cooke Town, Bengaluru - 560 084, have changed my name from **M. ABDUL ALEEM alias AMJAD PASHA** to **MIR SYED ABDUL ALEEM.** Vide affidavit dated 3-8-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Ramesh Kumar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **N.HAMSA** D/o **B.Narasimhamurthy,** R/at Flat No.305, Niranjan Genesis Apt, Begur Main Road, Surakshanagar, Yellanahalli, Akshyanagar, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 have changed my name to **AMEENA** vide affidavit dated:28/07/2020 before Notary **L.Puttaraju** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

We, Chandrakumar M.S S/o late Shivanna aged about 51 years and Shobha .M W/o Chandrakumar M.S aged about 43 years both residing are # 307, 3rd Floor Sai Mithra Woods Apartments No. 35, 17th Main, Muneshwara Block, Avalahalli, Mysore Road, GEF post Bengaluru-560026, have changed my daughter name from **CHINMAYI.C** to **CHINMAYI.C. GOWDA** vide affidavit dated: 24-07-2020, sworn before Notary N. Shamsunder Kamble, B.Com., LLB, Advocate & Notary.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUCHET SUBBA RAO KULKARNI,** S/o Subba Rao Ramesh Kulkarni, age 21 years, R/at No. 84/48, Vruksha, 2nd Cross, 5th Main, Surabhi Nagar West, Jambusavaridinne, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru-76 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SUCHETH SUBBA RAO KULKARNI** to **SUCHET SUBBA RAO KULKARNI**, hereafter I shall be known and called as **SUCHET SUBBA RAO KULKARNI** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 31st July 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S.I. BALAGURU** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SADIQ KHADER PASHA MOHAMMED**, S/o Mohammed Syed Enayatulla Akthar Basha, R/at Plot No. 12, 16/357, 13th Cross, 1st Main, Anjenyappa Layout, Maruthi Nagar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-64 have changed my from **SADIQ KHADER PASHA MOHAMMED** to **MOHEMMAD SADIQ .K PASHA,** vide affidavit dated 25.07.2020, before Notary **Sivakumara M.N.** Bangalore City.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) ANISA FATIMA FAROOK,** Residing at No. 1201/02 HM Grandeur 157 Wheeler Road, Pulakeshi Nagar, Bengaluru-560005, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) ANISA FATIMA** vide affidavit Dated 03/08/2020 sworn before Notary N. Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **CHABILATA NAYAK (OLD EXISITING NAME),** W/o Prakash Chandra Nayak, residing at No. SMQ P-320/24, HQ TC (U), IAF, JC Nagar Post, Hebbal, Bangalore-560006, have changed my name from **CHABILATA NAYAK (OLD / EXISITING NAME)** to **CHHABILATA NAYAK (NEW NAME)** vide affidavit dated 18/06/2020 sworn before Notary N.Peruvazhuthi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SRIKANTH H.N., S/o. Nagabhushana H.R., R/at No. 13, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, Srikantaiah Road, 5th Main, Hanumanthanagar, Gavipuram Extension, Bengaluru-560019 have changed my name to SRIKANTTH HN vide affidavit dated 27/07/2020 sworn before notary Jayappa A, Bangalore**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) MOHAMED FAROOK,** Residing at No. 1201/02 HM Grandeur 157 Wheeler Road, Pulakeshi Nagar, Bengaluru-560005, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) MOHAMMED FAROOK** vide affidavit Dated 03/08/2020 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Shilpa Shree,** W/o Suneel V., aged about 42 years, Residing at No.405, 'Lakshmi Krishna Apartment', Chandrashekaran Road, BEML 3rd Stage, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore-560 098. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'SHILPA SHREE'** to **"SHILPA GOWDA"** vide affidavit dated 30.07.2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary Public K.C. Gowthami, Bangalore.

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DEMAND NOTICE Under sec 13(2) SARFAESI ACT 2002

You the below mentioned applicant and co - applicants availed a loan facility by creating security interest in favour of our company , As per the records of the company , there are irregularities observed of the repayment of the loan amount due to the mentioned irregularities of the loan accounts stands as NON PERFORMING ASSET in the companies book of accounts and pertinent to mentioned out here in the event of the multiple defaults in the repayment of the funded amount, The company intimated all of you on the discontinuation of the agreement through the loan recall notice issued. However all of you continued defaulting the repayment of the funded amount without taking any efforts towards the closure of the loan account. for the recovery of the outstanding dues,issued Demand notice 13(2) of the sarfasi act 2002.The contents of which are being published herewith as per 13(2) of the act R/w 3(1) of the security interest enforcement rules 2002,by way of alternative service upon the Applicants &Co-Applicants since notice not served. Details of the Applicant /Co-Applicants /Gurantor outstanding dues Secured properties are as under:

1. Name of the applicant /Co applicants: 1. Shree Balaji Enterprises, No. 7/5, Rudrappa Garden, Vittal Nagar, Mysore Road, Bangalore - 560 026. **2. S. Venkatesh Rao,** No. 162, 6th Main Road, Jayanagar, 4th Block, Bangalore - 560011. **3. Shamanna Seshadri Kumar,** No. 162, 6th Main Road, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560011. **4. Bhagyalakshmi A M,** No.162, 6th Mainroad, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560011. **5. Srinivasamurthy Shamanna,** No.162, 6th Main Road, 4th Block, Bangalore - 560011.

Loan A/c No. 1231700, Loan recall notice dated 19-07-2016, Demand notice dated 08.07.2020, NPA dated on 02.09.2016, Outstanding dues Rs. 1,16,38,856.77 (Rupees One Crore Sixteen Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Six and Seventy Seven only) as of 08.07.2020 and future contractual interest till actual realization together with incidental expenses, cost and charges etc.

Details of the secured property: Schedule of the Securities -1: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing entire first floor property bearing No. 162 (old) New BBMP No. 158/3, measuring 1095.5 Sq. Ft and 2/5th undivided share in the composite property. situate at 6th Main IV Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560011 and **bounded on the:** North: Diagonal Road, South: Property No. 163, East: 6th Main Road, West: Private Property.

Therefore the company calls upon to discharge in full your liabilities stated here in above within 60 days from the date of this notice. Your outstanding liability owing to the company as per the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses , cost , charges, Borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub section 8 of the sec 13 Act.in respect of time available to redeem the secured Assets , Any non complaince of Sec 13(13)of the said act is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act you shall not transfer by sale ,lease or otherwise the said security property detailed in schedule above said of his notice without obtaining written consent of the company

Place: Bangalore
Date: 02-08-2020
For HDB Financial Services Ltd., Authorised Officer.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby notified that my client Sri.M.Ramesh has proposed to purchase the schedule property from its owners Smt.R.Surabhi and KANAJA Partnership Firm Represented by Partners Nanjunde Gowda, K.Ningamma, D.P.Rajamma, H.S.Sachin, R.Surabhi, and H.S. Sushma is negotiating terms. Therefore, any person/s, financial institutions, Banks, or otherwise claiming / asserting any rights of whatsoever nature and/or opposing sale of schedule properties to my client shall lodge their objections supported by authenticated documents to the undersigned within 7 DAYS from the date of publication of this Notice for scrutiny. Objections received after above period will not be considered and my client will proceed with completion of the sale thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy.No.258/4, measuring 38 guntas of T.Beguru Village, Sy.No. 31 measuring 4 acre 36 guntas, Sy.No.36/2 measuring 2 acre 39.08 guntas, Sy.No. 32/A, 32/B, 32/C, 32/D measuring 1 acre 1 guntas and Sy.No.25/3, measuring 36 guntas of Malonagathihalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on the - East by : Sy.No. 33, 34/1, 32/1, 24, 25/1A and 25/1B, West by : Sy.No. 258/2, 258/1A and property belongs to Karethimmaiah, North by : Property belongs to Mayannagowda and Sy.No.33, South by : N.H. Road, Sy.No.30/2, and Property belongs to S.Venkatesh.

Ganesha .P, Advocate
No. 65, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, 4th Main,
Next Jain Temple, Gandhinagar,
Bengaluru-560009. Mobile No 9980017788
Bengaluru, Date: 03.08.2020

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

E-tenders are invited from reputed manufactures/ Suppliers/ Authorized Dealers for the supply, installation & commissioning of following and can apply through the CPP Portal www.eprocure.gov.in. The supply and e-tender ID are given below for reference.

CPPP Tender ID: 2020_DARE_575044_1 for procurement of HDPE cages with accessories - 40 Nos.

Tender documents may be downloaded from CMFRI website www.cmfri.org.in (for reference only). Clarification/Corrigendum in this regard if any will be put only on CPP portal.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the PNB Housing Finance Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & in compliance of Rule 8(1) of Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notice/s on the date mentioned against each account calling upon the respective borrower/s to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of notice(s)/ date of receipt of the said notice/s.

The borrower/s having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property/ies described herein below in exercise powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned against each account.

The borrower/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of PNB Housing Finance Ltd., for the amount and interest thereon as per loan agreement. **The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.**

S. No.	Loan Account No.	Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower /Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	Amount Outstanding	Date of Possession Taken	Description of the Property Mortgaged
1.	HOU/BAN/ 0217/354429	Mr. T S Shivanna & Ms. Thejavathi B	04.07.2018	Rs. 61,49,654.56/- (Rupees Sixty One lakh Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fiftyy Four and Fifty Six Paisa Only) **Due as on 31.07.2020**	30-07-2020 (Symbolic)	**SCHEDULE PROPERTY** All that piece and parcel of Residential Converted Land Bering Sy. No. 73/5, measuring 1 Acre 17 Guntas and Residential Converted Land Bearing Sy. No. 73/6, measuring 21 Guntas, both the properties totally measuring 1 Acre 38 Guntas, (converted vide official Memorandum dated 6/7/2013, bearing No. ALN (EVH) SR/ 443/2012-13, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District Bangalore), Presently Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Khata No. 359/73/5/73/6/17, situated at Balagere Village, Varthur Hobli, **Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore and bonded as, East by:-** Remaining portion of Sy. No. 73/5 and 73/6, **West by:-** Remaining portion of Sy. No.73/5 and 73/6; **North by:-** Land bearing Sy. No. 73/4, **South by:-** Road; **SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY –** 297 Sq Feet undivided share, right, title in the Schedule A Property proportionate to the schedule C Property. **SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY-** Residential Apartment bearing No.304, Third Floor, in Block A in Wing B, admeasuring a total super built area of 1108 Square Feet consisting of 2 Bedrooms, in the Multistoried Residential Apartment Building known as **"SRI KRISHNA EXCEL STONE",** constructed over the Schedule "A" Property inclusive of proportionate share in the common areas such as passage, lobbies, lift, staircase and other areas of common area, (including half portion in depth of the joints between the Ceiling of the Apartment and floors of the apartment above it, internal and external walls between such levels) and the building is of RCC roofing as per specification appended hereto with separate electricity, common water and sanitation, including all rights, title, interest, privileges, appurtenances, together with a car/scooter parking slot to be earmarked and confirmed at the time of **registration of the Sale Deed.**
2.	HOU/MRH/ 0515/224409	Ms. Sujatha Subramanian & Mr. Janaki Subramanian	31.01.2020	Rs. 22,56,033.09 (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Thirty Three and Nine paisa only) **Due as on 31.07.2020**	30-07-2020 (Symbolic)	**SCHEDULE A PROPERTY-** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted Property bearing Survey.Numbers 36/6 and 36/7 (Old Survey Number 36) ad-measuring thirty one Guntas, situated at Chambenahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District duly converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purposes vide official memorandum bearing No. ALN (A)(S)SR137/2011-12 date 15.09.2011 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, **Bangalore bounded as follows: East by:** Road, **West by:** Remaining portion of Sy. No 36, **North by:** Remaining portion of Sy.No 36 & **South by:** Remaining portion of Sy.No 36. **SCHEDULE B PROPERTY-** 385 Square feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule A property mentioned above. **SCHEDULE C PROPERTY (Description of the apartment)** Apartment bearing No. B-302, in Wing B, having a super built-up, area of .1050.square feet, on the THIRD FLOOR in the multistoried apartment building complex known as **"VIVANSAA AURIGAA"** to be constructed on the Schedule A Property, along with ONE exclusive ear marked Covered/ Uncovered Car Parking space in the basement. Super built-up area means and includes the exclusive floor-area of each apartment unit and they proportionate areas covered by common walls, passages, stairs, lift, well and rooms, water, drainage and electrical conduits and other areas, used in, common with purchasers of other apartments.
3.	HOU/MRH/ 0917/430240	Ms. Navya N & Mrs. Geetha	31.01.2020	Rs. 34,74,666.07 (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Six hundred Sixty six and Seven pasia only) **Due as on 31.07.2020**	30-07-2020 (Symbolic)	**SCHEDULE A PROPERTY – Item No.1-** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted Property bearing Survey Number 82/2 ad- measuring 48 Guntas out of 2 Acres 6 Guntas, situated at S Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District duly converted from agricultural to non agricultural residential purposes vide official memorandum bearing No ALN (ASH) SR136/2013-14 dated 02.12.2013 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, **Bangalore and Bounded as Follows: East by:** Remaining portion of the property in Survey number 82/2, **West by :** Private property Venkataswamy Reddy in Survey Number 82/2, **North by:- BMRDA** approved Road & Sites, **South by:-** BMRDA approved road. **Item No.2 –** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted Property bearing Survey Number 82/2 ad-measuring 38 Guntas out of 2 Acres 6 Guntas, situated at S Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District duly converted from agricultural to non agricultural residential purposes vide official memorandum bearing No. ALN (ASH) SR136/2013-14 dated 02.12.2013 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, **Bangalore and Bounded as Follows: East by :** BMRDA approved sites, **West by :** Remaining portion of same Survey Number 82/2, **North by:** BMRDA approved Road & Sites, **South by :** BMRDA approved road. **SCHEDULE B PROPERTY-** 485 square feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the schedule A property mentioned above. **SCHEDULE C PROPERTY–** Row- Villa bearing No.B-110, First Floor in having a super built-up area of 1021 square feet, in the multistoried apartment building complex known as **"VIVANSAA BAALSAM"** to be constructed on the Schedule A Property along with ONE exclusive ear marked Covered/Semi Covered/ Uncovered Car Parking space in the stilt floor. Super built up area means and includes the exclusive floor-area of each apartment unit and the proportionate areas covered by common walls, passages, stairs, lift well and rooms, water, drainage and electrical conduits and other areas used in common with purchasers of other apartments.
4.	HOU/MRH/ 1117/454926	Mr. Anand S P & Ms. Jyothi P B	31.01.2020	Rs. 30,92,250.83 (Rupees Thirty Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and Eighty Three Paisa only) **Due as on 31.07.2020**	30-07-2020 (Symbolic)	**SCHEDULE A PROPERTY – Item No.1-** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted Property bearing Survey Number 82/2 ad- measuring 48 Guntas out of 2 Acres 6 Guntas, situated at S Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District duly converted from agricultural to non agricultural residential purposes vide official memorandum bearing No. ALN (ASH) SR136/2013-14 dated 02.12.2013 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, **Bangalore and Bounded as Follows: East by :** Remaining portion of the property in Survey number 82/2, **West by :** Private property Venkataswamy Reddy in Survey Number 82/2, **North by:-** BMRDA approved Road & Sites, **South by:-** BMRDA approved road. **Item No.2 –** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted Property bearing Survey Number 82/2 ad- measuring 38 Guntas out of 2 Acres 6 Guntas, situated at S Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District duly converted from agricultural to non agricultural residential purposes vide official memorandum bearing No ALN (ASH) SR136/2013-14 dated 02.12.2013 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, **Bangalore and Bounded as Follows: East by:-** BMRDA approved sites, **West by:-** Remaining portion of same Survey Number 82/2, **North by :-** BMRDA approved Road & Sites, **South by:-** BMRDA approved road. **SCHEDULE B PROPERTY -** 463 square feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the **schedule A property mentioned above.** **SCHEDULE C PROPERTY-** Apartment / Row- Villa bearing No.012, in Wing B, having a super built-up area of 974 square feet, on the Ground Floor in the multistoried apartment building complex known as **"VIVANSAA BAALSAM"** to be constructed on the Schedule A Property along with ONE exclusive ear marked Covered/Semi Covered/ Uncovered Car Parking space in the stilt floor. Super built up area means and includes the exclusive floor-area of each apartment unit and the proportionate areas covered by common walls, passages, stairs, lift well and rooms, water, drainage and electrical conduits and other areas used in common with purchasers of other apartments

PLACE : BANGALORE, DATE : 03-08-2020 **AUTHORIZED OFFICER, PNB HOUSING FINANCE LTD.**

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II AT BANGALORE

No. 4, 1st Floor, Jeevan Mangala Building, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560025

O.A. No. 42 of 2017

Corporation Bank
Now Union Bank of India
BTM Layout ...**Applicant**
AND
Sri. L.Santhosh ...**Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO THE DEFENDANT

To Defendant

Sri. L.Santhosh, S/o Sri. Lokaiah, Aged about 31 years, Residing at No. 49, Harijan Colony, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore-560079.

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Bank and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the Defendant for a recovery of a sum of **Rs.11,62,822/-** (Inclusive of principal and 2% penal interest).

The above mentioned defendant is hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocated or duly authorized agent in support of your defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **04.11.2020 at 10.30 am** as to why the relief/s prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on the **13.07.2020** at Bangalore

By order of Tribunal Registrar
Debt Recovery Tribunal II
Bangalore.

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KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E –TENDER NOTICE

Office of the Chief Engineer, Civil – Dam Safety & DRIP – Pallom
E-Tender ID: 2020_ KSEB _ 363073_1 * Construction of Office cum dormitory building for Dam Safety Subdivision, Pamba at Kochupamba
* PAC : Rs. 8.72 million* Extended Last Date: 14-08-2020 3PM
Visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in and www.kseb.in
Ref: PR /MC1 /D136/ E- Tender /2020

The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

No.73/1, Gandhi Bazaar Main Road, Bangalore - 560 004.
Ph: 080-22421998, 26618092, 26618093 E-mail: admin.ao@ncbl.org.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **The National Co-Operative Bank Limited.**, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Sarfaesi dated **03.01.2020** calling upon the **Borrower Sri. Thyagarajan.B** No.21, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, Nagendra Garden, Srirampuram, Bangalore-560021 and the **Co-obligants Smt. Rajamma**, No.21, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, Nagendra Garden, Srirampuram, Bangalore-560021, **Smt. Premavathy,** No.21, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, Nagendra Garden, Srirampuram, Bangalore-560021, **Sri. Mukesh.T.** No.21, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, Nagendra Garden, Srirampuram, Bangalore-560021, **Smt. Preethi.R.,** No.21, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, Nagendra Garden, Srirampuram, Bangalore-560021, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,96,35,749/-** (Rupees One Crore Ninety Six Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Nine only) with interest and other charges from **01.12.2019** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower and the co-obligants having failed to repay the entire amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower, co-obligants and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule on this **30th day of July 2020.**

The Borrower and the co-obligant in particular and the Public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The National Co-Operative Bank Limited** for an amount of **Rs.1,96,35,749/-** (Rupees One Crore Ninety Six Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Nine only) with interest and other charges from **01.12.2019.**

Description of the Immovable Property Schedule : All that part and parcel of the property bearing No.21, Sy.No. 62/3, PID No. 25-5-21, 2nd Cross, Nagendra Garden Hanumanthapura, Srirampuram, Bangalore measuring East to West : 60 ft. and North to South : 74+68/2 ft. together with existing ground floor, 1st floor and right totally measuring 4260 Sq.ft and bounded by the following boundaries: East by : 18ft Road, West by : Remaining Portion of the same Property, North by : Land in Burial Road, South by : Property of Govindaraju.

Date: 30.07.2020 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **The National Co-Op Bank Ltd.,**

AXIS BANK

#45, Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Lalbagh Road, Landmark - Above Passport Seva Kendra, Bangalore-560027.

POSSESSION NOTICE

See Rule - 8(1)
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas, undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Axis Bank Ltd.,** under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned In the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantor / Mortgagors and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on below mentioned dates.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors in particular and the Public in General are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charges of the **Axis Bank Ltd.,** for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1. Mr. Amsa M (Borrower) No 97 2/50-A NGGO Colony Dharmapuri Dharmapuri District Tamil Nadu 636705 India. **And Also:**Plot No 458 Mahidhara Fortune City Chikkanahalli Village Attibele Hobli, Bangalore-560100. **2. Mr. Rangaraju K** (Co-Borrower), No 97 2/50-A NGGO Colony Dharmapuri Dharmapuri District Tamil Nadu 636705 India. **And Also:** Plot No 458 Mahidhara Fortune City Chikkanahalli Village Attibele Hobli, Bangalore-560100.

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 32,46,196.00/-(Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Forty Six Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Six Only) being the amount due as **29.01.2020** and interest thereon.

Loan A/c No : PHR000901508346, Demand Notice Dated : 31.01.2020, Possession Notice Dated : 29.07.2020

Details Of Mortgaged Property: All that piece and Parcel of the property bearing Site/Plot No. 458, Mahidhara Fortune City, Survey Nos. 34/1, 37/2, 40,35/1, 35/2, 32/2, 41, 39/3, 42,37/1, 35/1, 35/2, 36,37/1, situated at Attibele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and in respect of residentially converted land bearing survey numbers mentioned above and bounded on: East : 9 Meter Wide Road West : Site No. 451 North : Site No. 459 South : Site No. 457.

2. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1. Mr. R V Sunil Kumar (Applicant) No 141 1st Floor B Block AECS Layout Kudlu Village Singasandra Bangalore Karnataka 560068 India **And Also:** Mahindra Satyam Ser Vzces Ltd, ITTC 3 B Wing 1st Floor Site No. 44 & 46 Kiadb Industrial Area E-City Phase II Bangalore Karnataka 561229 India **And Also:** Plot No 509 J R Phase III Sy No130/1 Marsur, Kasab Aanekal, Bangalore-560075. **2. Mrs. Lingayath Kalyani (Co-Applicant),** No 141 1st Floor B Block AECS Layout Kudlu Village Singasandra Bangalore Karnataka 560068 India **And Also:** Plot No 509 J R Phase III Sy No130/1 Marsur, Kasab Aanekal, Bangalore-560075.

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 10,37,603/-(Rupees Ten Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Three Only) being the amount due as on **22.01.2020** and interest thereon.

Loan A/c No : PHR00090065224, Demand Notice Dated : 23.01.2020, Possession Notice Dated : 29.07.2020

Details Of Mortgaged Property: All that piece and Parcel of the vacant site bearing No. 509 Khatha /Janjaru No. 3819 formed in converted land bearing Sy. No.s 130, 130/1,130/2 in the layout known as "J R Coco Nest Phase III "measuring to an extent of 2 Acre 16 guntas situated at Marasur village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban, District and the lands are duly converted from agricultural purposes to Non-agricultural residential purposes the same was accorded sanction by special District Commissioner Bangalore, Official Memorandu Vide No. AL (A) (A) SR: 55/2010-11 date 14-10-2010 and layout plan approved by the Anekal Planning Authority vide Order No. APA/LA)/50/2010-11, dated 06-08-2011 and bounded including all appurtenances whether underneath or above the surface thereto and admeasuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 52.30 feet and bounded on: East :Road, West :Plot No. 483, North: Plot No. 482, South : Plot No. 508.

3. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1. Mr. Samuel M (Borrower) No 223 Ground Floor Konasandra Village B S R Layout Ashrama Road Jigani Bangalore Karnataka 560105 India. **And Also:** Asian Diagnostics A Unit of Ahmed Helth Care Pvt Ltd No 28 K R Road Opposiet Vani Vilas Hospital Bangalore Karnataka 560002 India. **2. Mrs. Ammu S (Co- Borrower),** No 223 Ground Floor Konasandra Village BSK Layout Ashrama Road Jigani Bangalore Karnataka 560105 India.

Total amount mentioned in the notice : **Rs. 32,46,196.00/-** (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Forty Six Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Six Only) being the amount due as **29.01.2020** and interest thereon.

Loan A/c No : PHR000902997106 and HTR000903064736,

Demand Notice Dated : 31.01.2020, Possession Notice Dated : 29.07.2020

Details Of Mortgaged Property: All that piece and Parcel of the property bearing Site No. 223, Akruthi Green, Green Woods of Konasandra Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, measuring 1200 Sq Ft and bounded on: East: Site No. 224, West : Site No. 222, North: Site No. 189 & 188, South :Road.

4. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1. Mr. Amit Chhokra (Applicant) Abdul Aziz , Mohd Najid Water Sub Meter Flat No 207 317-18 , Tawi Saigh Area Dubai Dubai 05239 United Arab Emirates And Also: Np 26/1 S And T Zone , Ferozepur Cantt Punjab Ferozepur , Punjab 152021 India **And Also:** Rak Bank Dubai ,silicon Oasis Post Box Dubai , Dubai 02222 United Arab Emirates And Also: No 216 B Block ,water Ville App Whitefield Road Ramgodanahalli Bangalore , Karnataka 560066 India **And Also:** Site No 573 ,AECS Layout Kundanahallichinnappanahalli Thubarahalli Varthur Hobli ,bangalore South Taluk Bangalore 560037, Karnataka And Also: Flat No-DVF -C3/45, GFDLF Valley Panchkuladlf Valley Pinjore, Pinjore Haryana – 134102 **And Also:** Flat 4F 07 319 ,DUD Metha , Po Box 1531 Dubai Dubai 1531 United Arab Emirates **And Also:** H No 76/87 Khui Khera ,HB No 0241 Village Fazilka Teh Fazilka ,fazilka Punjab 152121 India **And Also:** Noor Bank ,PJSC Po Box 8822 Dubai Dubai 1531 United Arab Emirates **2. Mrs. Shveta Sharma (Co-Applicant),** No 216 B Block, Water Ville Appartment Whitefield Road Ramgondanhalli Bangalore Karnataka 560066 India **And Also:** Np 26/1 S And T Zone, Ferozepur Cantt Punjab Ferozepur, Punjab 152021 India **And Also:** Flat 4F 07 319, DUD Metha Po Box 1531 Dubai, Dubai 1531 United Arab Emirates **And Also:** H No 76 87, Khui Khera HB No 0241 Village Fazilka, TEH Fazilka Fazilka Punjab 152123 India. **3. Mrs. Priyanka Chhokra (Co-Applicant)** No-1166, 2nd Floor, 23rd Main 2nd Sector HSR Layout Bangalore-560102, Bangalore Karnataka 560100 India **And Also:** No-59, Acharya Para Lane Post Khagra Dist Murshidabad-742103 Barrackpore West Bengal India **And Also:** International Institute of PLNG & Management IIPM Tower 419, 4th Block, Koramangala Bangalore Karnataka 560034 India **4. Mr. Kewal Krishna Chhokra** H No 86 / 87, Khui Khera Fazilka Fazilka Punjab 152121 India.

Total amount mentioned in the notice : **Rs.1,73,64,446.00/-**(Rupees One Crore Seventy Three Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Six Only) being the amount due as on **26.11.2019** and interest thereon.

Loan A/c No : PHR056100695510, Demand Notice Dated : 26.11.2019, Possession Notice Dated : 29.07.2020

Details Of Mortgaged Property: All that piece and Parcel of the Vacant Site & Commercial Building Bearing No. 573, bearing BBMP Khatha No. 566, situated in C – Block, formed by the Aircraft Employees Co-operative society Limited in Sy. Nos. 115/1, 116 to 121/1 and 2, 124/1, 3, 125 and 131/1, 3 of Kundalahalli and Sy Nos. 39 to 43 of Chinnappanahalli, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, and Sy. Nos. 8 and 73 of Tubarahalli, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore approved by the Bangalore development authority Bangalore vide Order dated 03.07.1987, No. BDA/TPM/DD(W)/206/87-88, Site Measuring East to West 50 feet or 15.243meters, North to South 81 feet or 24.689 meters in all measuring 450 Square Yards or 376.33 Square Meters or 4050 Square Feet and bounded as follows: East : Site No. 574, West :site No. 572, North: Road, South : Site No. 655.

5. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1. Mr. Sandeep Mohandasan (Borrower) No 204 2nd Floor, Veerasandra Gopalan Gardenia Bangalore Bangalore Karnataka 560100 India. **And Also:** Dell International Services India Pvt Ltd 65/2 Bagmane Prime Bagmani 7E Tec Park Byrasandra Main Road Bangalore Karnataka 560093 India. **And Also:** Flat M11, Gopalan Gardenza E – City Phase -1, Veerasandra, Bangalore-560100. **And Also:** Flat No 403, 4th Floor Block- C Kudlu Village Sarjapura Hobli Anekal Taluk Bangalore- 560,100 **2. Mrs. Deepa R(Co- Applicant),** No 204 2nd Floor, Veerasandra Gopalan Gardenia Bangalore Bangalore Karnataka 560100 India. **And Also:** Flat No 403 ,4th Floor Block-C Kudlu Village Sarjapura Hobli Anekal Taluk Bangalore- 560,100 **And Also:** Aiswarya Nagari Puram Mannur Palakkad Pallakkad – 678642 Kerala.

Total amount mentioned in the notice : **Rs. 91,97,602.00/-**(Rupees Ninety One Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Two Only) being the amount due as on **27.12.2019** and interest thereon.

Loan A/c No. **PHR000903064085, Demand Notice Dated : 27.12.2019, Possession Notice Dated : 29.07.2020**

Details Of Mortgaged Property: All that piece and Parcel of Flat bearing No. 403, ND Passion Elite, 4th Floor, Block – C, Kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore. Survey Nos. 87/1,87/2, 88/2, measuring 2020 Sq Ft and bounded on: East : Portion of Same Sy No. allotted to Nagaraja Reddy West : Land in Sy No. 87/2, North: Land in Sy No. 87/1, South: Doddamane Abbaiah's Property in Sy No. 86/1.

Date : 29.07.2020 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Axis Bank**

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC AT NELAMANGALA
C.Misc. 160/2020

Petitioner: Sri Shettallappa S/o Late Hanumanthaiah @ Hanumanthappa, aged about 68 years, R/at Bettanagere Road, Behind Hippe Anjaneya Swamy Temple, Adepete, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. **-V/s- Respondent: The Chief Officer,** (Registrar of Births and Deaths), Nelamangala Municipality, Nelamangala.

NOTICE

Whereas the petitioner above named has presented petition to this Hon'ble Court under section 13(3) of Registration of Birth & Deaths Act 1969 for order direct the respondent authority to get enter the date of petitioner's father by name Hanumanthaiah @ Hanumanthappa S/o Shettallappa was died on 01.09.1962 at Bettangere Road, Behind Hippe Anjaneya Swamy Temple, Adepete, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. The Hon'ble Court has fixed on **10.08.2020** for hearing of the petition and that if any person/s desire to oppose the said petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader duly instructed at 11am, failing which the said application will be heard and determined as experte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 03.08.2020.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge (Jr. Dvn) and JMFC, Nelamangala.

Advocate for Petitioner: **Sri Krishna,**
Dobespet, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are notified that my client has negotiated to purchase the Schedule Property shown herein below, from its owners **Sri. VICKY JAIN** S/o Kanhaiyalal Jain residing at No.529/1, Flat No.202, Comfort Krishna, Rama Iyengar Road, V. V Puram, Bengaluru-560004 And **Sri. LALITH KUMAR JAIN** S/o Oatmal Jain residing at No.68, Arihant Castle, Flat No.201, Shankamutt Road, Shankarapuram, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004. Any person having any rights, title, interest, share, claim, objections, minor claims in respect of the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to send their written objections whatsoever along with documentary proof to the undersigned within **Ten Days** from the date of publication of this notice. If no objections are received within 10 days, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owners as if no third party claims /objections/disputes in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential House Property bearing Municipal No.45,(Old No.970) PID No.36-16-45 measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 58 feet totally measuring 2320 square feet, together with a ground floor house thereon measuring about 1400 square feet, situated at 2nd Main Road, M C Layout, Vijayanagara, Bangalore and bounded on the:

East by : Property bearing No.969,
West by : Property bearing No.971,
North by : Property bearing No.985,
South by : 2nd Main Road, M C Layout.

J. S. DINESH, Advocate,
74, 'Mathrushree', 12th 'E" Main Road,
76th Cross, 6th Block, Rajajinagar,
Bengaluru-560010.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that my clients **Smt. Bhulakshmi Tankasala** W/o Sri.Prashanth Gowrapura Murthy, Aged about 32 years and **Sri.Prashanth Gowrapura Murthy** S/o Sri.Murthy Gowrapura Chandrappa, Aged about 38 years, both are residing at No.8, Siri Nivas, 2nd Floor, SF-2, Bommanahallli, Bangalore – 560 068.., are intended to purchase the property, described in the schedule below, from the present owner **Sri Rakshan .G** S/o Late Gajendran.M, aged about 25 years, Residing at No.518, K.H.B.Colony, 3rd Cross, 5th Main, 5th Block, Koramangala Layout,Bangalore – 560 095., the present absolute owner is in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the schedule property and the katha records are stands in his name.

Any person/s having objection/s or claims, with respect to sale and transfer of the schedule property, may with documentary evidence, lodge their objections/claims within seven days from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, our clients will proceed to purchase the schedule property where after no further claims will be entertained and or the same will be deemed to have been waived or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Site No.156, (Block- C), BBMP Katha No.160/156, Situated at in the layout formed by the Air Craft Employee Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd., in Sy.Nos.148/2, 149/7, 149/8, 151/1, 151/2, 151/2A, 152/2, 153/1, & 158, of Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, **in the layout plan of the society approved by the B.D.A and as per the order of the Bangalore Development Authority Measuring** East **to** West 45+50/2 Feet, North **to** South 40+41/2 Feet, **in all Measuring** 1923.75 **square feet together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, presently within the jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore** and bounded on:

East by : Site No.157
West by : Private Property
North by : Road
South by : Site No.171 & 172

Contact: **JSR Associates**
H.R. Jayashekara Reddy, Advocate
No.348, 6th Main, 15th 'A' Cross,
6th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore.
Mob. 9880715022 / 9916641840

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform all and whomsoever it may concern that my client **Smt. K Sarojini W/o late Sri N Chandappa** has purchased the schedule property from Sri M Ravi Kumar & Sri K Vanaraju, vide the Sale Deed registered as Document No.2431/2007-08 of Book-I, CD No.KNKD, Dated 13.07.2007, registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Kanakapura. Now, my client is intending to avail loan from the Banks / Financial institutions by mortgaging the schedule property.

If any other person/s has/have any manner of right, title, interest, demand, claim, charge or lien over the schedule property, they are hereby requested to file their objections to the mortgage of the said property to the Financial Institutions / Banks and shall inform/object the same in writing along with the photocopies of the documents relied for such claim/ objections, through the registered post with acknowledgement due to the undersigned **within 10 days** from the date of publication of this notice.

If no valid claim/objection is received by the undersigned as aforesaid, my client shall proceed to avail loan from the Banks / Financial Institutions by mortgaging the schedule property deeming that no one else has/have any manner of right or claim or interest whatsoever over the schedule properties.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of residentially converted Vacant Site bearing No.56 (Assessment No.327/101/104/41), measuring East to West 60 ft. and North to South 40 ft., totally measuring 2400 sq. ft., formed in Sy.Nos.40/5, 42 & 44, situated at Yedamadu Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the **East by :** Site No.57; **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No.51, **South by :** Road.

Sd/- RAGHAVENDRA P HOGADE
Advocate, No.186/8, 1st Floor, Sirur Park Road, Behind Nataraj Theatre, Seshadripuram, Bangalore–560020.
Date : 04.08.2020 Bangalore

LEGAL NOTICE

To,
Mr. Satish Koshy, S/o Sri. Charuvil Koshy, By its Partner M/s. Vineyard Properties, 5/AC-712, 5th 'A' Cross, HBR Layout, 1st Block, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043.

I act for. **Sri. B.H. Narayanappa S/o Late. Hanumanthrayappa,** R/at K.T.B. House, SLV Layout, Kitaganooru, Biddarahalli Hobli, Bangalore., in issuing this notice to you as hereunder:-

That, on 04.10.2007, you entered into Joint Development Agreement with my client and his wife Smt.C.Rukmini in respect of Sy.No.30/31, in extent 2 acres, situated at Bhattarahalli Village, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore as per the said Joint Development Agreement and Supplementary Agreement dated 01.10.2015.

That, the construction of flats and commercial shops have been completed in all respects and the percentage of sharing both commercial and noncommercial to my client have not been delivered with possession even though they are ready.

That, my client in view of interse dispute between himself and his wife, my client filed a suit in O.S. No.6/2019, against his wife as defendant No.1 and you as defendant No.2 to restrain you from handing over possession of 40% of the residential flats and 55% of the commercial shops shown at Schedule-B and which you are well aware of., similarly, my clients wife filed a suit in O.S. No.540/2019, through her son against my client and you as defendant No.2 and same is pending consideration before the 2nd Addl. Senior Civil Judge Bangalore Rural District at Bangalore, claiming partition and possession of various items of immoveable property including Sy.No.30/31. you have been served with the summons in both the suits wantonly and deliberately kept away from the proceedings of the suit in view of collusion between yourself and Smt.Rukmini.

BE THAT AS IT MAY, even though percentage of sharing flats and commercial area are ready for occupancy, you have not delivered the same with an obvious intention to help his wife. On the other hand, you have allowed my client wife's Smt. Rukmini to be in occupation of a residential flat are illegally without the consent and concurrence of my client. This act of yours in collusion with my client's wife and they by to deny legitimate share under my client is illegal and improper. This public notice is taken as earlier registered notices send having been returned back.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE YOU ARE hereby, directed to not to handover possession of Schedule B Item of properties to my clients wife and enough is enough. Otherwise, we may have to question your moral turpitude in deceiving my client through appropriate criminal proceedings.

R.A. Dev Anand, Advocate
No. 101/1, 1st 'B' Cross, Mount Joy Extn., Hanumanthnagar, Bangalore - 560019.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanhalli Division,
Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru-560068

No.: BBMP/EE/BD/Tend-02/2020-21 **Date: 03.08.2020**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Short term Tender Notification) - SINGLE COVER TENDER
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, BBMP, Bengaluru-68 invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with KPWD / CPWD / BWSSB / Railways / MES / National Highway or any Sate Government Organizations for the construction of works.

(Standard Tender Document - KW1 & KW2)

Sl. No.	Ward No.	Approximate Value of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)	No. of Works
Works Reserved for Others				
1	174	20.00 to 30.00	50,000/- to 60,000/-	3
2	175	20.00 to 30.00	50,000/- to 60,000/-	3
3	186	5.00 to 30.00	12,500/- to 60,000/-	4
4	187	10.00 to 30.00	25,000/- to 60,000/-	7
5	188	8.00 to 20.00	20,000/- to 50,000/-	6
6	189	10.00 each	25,000/- each	8
7	190	20.00 to 30.00	50,000/- to 60,000/-	6
8	193	10.00 to 45.00	25,000/- to 90,000/-	4
2nd Call				
9	175	35.00	70,000/-	1
10	190	20.00	50,000/-	1
Works Reserved for Schedule Caste (SC)				
11	174	20.00	25,000/-	1
12	175	20.00 & 30.00	25,000/- & 30,000/-	2
13	186	15.00 & 30.00	18,750/- & 30,000/-	2
14	187	15.00	18,750/-	1
15	189	10.00 & 30.00	12,500/- & 30,000/-	2
16	190	10.00	12,500/-	1
17	193	5.00	6,250/-	1
2nd Call				
18	188	30.00	30,000/-	1
Works Reserved for Schedule Tribe (ST)				
19	174	30.00	30,000/-	1
20	187	15.00	18,750/-	1
21	188	10.00 & 30.00	12,500/- & 30,000/-	2
2nd Call				
22	188	35.00	35,000/-	1
23	189	40.00	40,000/-	1
			Total	**60**

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents can be downloaded from **10.08.2020** after **11:00 a.m.** from website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. (2)** Last date for submission of tender documents on or before **20.08.2020** at **4:00 p.m. (3)** Date of financial bid opening is after **21.08.2020** at **4:30 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office, during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, BBMP

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ONCE A NEW TECHNOLOGY ROLLS OVER YOU, IF YOU'RE NOT PART OF THE STEAMROLLER, YOU'RE PART OF THE ROAD › STEWART BRAND

While appealing to citizens to not discriminate against Covid-19 patients, Telangana Finance Minister T Harish Rao on Monday warned of legal action against those who force such patients to vacate their homes

TN will not allow three-language policy, says EPS

State to form committee of educationists and senior officials to study policy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

IN a politically astute move that is likely to have widespread social implications, Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on Monday expressed the State government's disagreement with the Centre's three-language formula, as laid out in the National Education Policy, and clarified that Tamil Nadu would continue with its current two-language system.

"Considering the view of the people of Tamil Nadu, the Centre must reconsider its stand," the Chief Minister said, while appealing to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to allow States implement their own language policy as per the local needs and requirement. "It's sad that the NEP has stressed on the three-language formula," he said, after an hour-long meeting, with senior ministers and officials, on the subject.

All parties in the State, except the BJP, have welcomed Palaniswami's statement. The NEP has rekindled the debate over Hindi "imposition" in the State after a long gap of five decades. While reasoning out why a three-language formula was unacceptable for Tamil Nadu, EPS recalled the anti-Hindi agitation of 1965.

Former Chief Minister CN Annadurai, in January 1968, introduced a landmark resolution, by which the three-language system was replaced in the State with just English and Tamil. "The AIADMK has been consistently following the policy ushered in by Annadurai. Later, in 1986, a resolution reasserting the two-language policy was adopted by the State Assembly under former Chief Minister MG Ramachandran," he said.

Subsequently, former Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa, too, was firmly against the imposition of Hindi on non-native speakers, he said. The Palaniswami-government has been opposing the three-language formula since its inception. In June 2019, the CM had written to Modi expressing his concerns with the policy. He reiterated his stance during the Independence Day address last year.

Academics and intellectuals have welcomed the decision, claiming that a three-language policy was neither politically important nor academically effective. Official sources have said that the government is planning to constitute a committee comprising educationists and senior officials to study the implications and submit a report.

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Edappadi K Palaniswami, Chief Minister

The DMK and other parties have written a letter to the Chief Minister on the new education policy. Not just the three-language policy, the State government must oppose various other aspects of the new policy

M K Stalin, DMK president

CORONA'S HUNTING GROUND

Ignoring social distancing norms, people stand in queue to buy essential comodities in Chennai on Monday | P JAWAHAR

GOLD SMUGGLING CASE: ALI'S ARREST WILL HELP NIA TRACE FINANCIERS

TOBY ANTONY @Kochi

THE arrest of Muvattupuzha native Mohammad Ali by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in the gold smuggling case via the diplomatic channels will provide details of people who have been receiving and funding the gold. Mohammad Ali, the 24th accused in the sensational Palm Chopping case, was later acquitted.

According to the NIA sources, Ali, who used to work for Muvattupuzha native Jalal who was also arrested by Customs and NIA in the case, transported the smuggled gold to agents and buyers.

"Ali was the key person who transported the gold after it safely came out from airports. He had been employed by Jalal for the past three years and knew the buyers of smuggled gold in Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Through him, we can reach the buyers and financiers of the smuggled gold," an NIA source said.

In the report filed by NIA on the arrest of Ali, the agency stated he had accompanied Jalal to Thiruvananthapuram and knowingly assisted him in receiving the smuggled gold from Rameez, transporting the contraband and distributing the proceeds among co-conspirators on many occasions.

"Call data records show that they had been in contact on June 28 and had travelled together to Thiruvananthapuram for collecting the smuggled gold from K T Rameez. The accused persons had stayed at Hotel Apollo Dimora, Thampanoor on June 28 and received the gold from Rameez in the parking lot of the hotel. The hotel's guest register containing details of their stay has been seized and documents given as ID proof and phone number recovered from hotel records," stated the report.

Meanwhile, V K Salim, Ernakulam district president, PFI, denied that Ali is a PFI member. He alleged that as the investigation is closing in on influential people, attempts are being made to drag the PFI into the picture.

EXPRESS READ

41 at AP prison test positive for Covid

Kakinada: As many as 41 inmates and staff of Rajamahendravaram Central Prison, the biggest in the State, have tested positive for Covid. The infectees comprise 22 prison guards, 18 prisoners and a med-ical officer. One of the infected prisoners, who was taken to a hospital, escaped late on Sunday. **ENS**

18 IPS officers transferred, Bengaluru gets 5 new DCPs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka government transferred 18 IPS officers on Monday. Bengaluru got new Deputy Commissioners of Police (DCPs) for five divisions.

Umesh Kumar, who was the Principal Secretary to Government (PCAS), Home Department, has been posted as the Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), CID. The position was vacant following the transfer of ADGP B Dayananda. Kumar has been replaced by Inspector-General of police (IGP) Roopa D, who was in the Railways, as Secretary to Government (PCAS), Home department.

Five DCPs of Bengaluru were transferred. DCP (North) N Shashi Kumar and SP (Wireless) Dharmender Kumar Meena were interchanged, while DCP (South) Rohini Katoch Sepat and DCP (West) B Ramesh were transferred to the CID. DCP (Central) Chetan Singh Rathor was transferred without posting, while it is said he was sent on Central deputation, and he is replaced by DCP (Whitefield) MN Anucheth. D Devaraja, who was in CID has replaced Anucheth. Harish Pandey and Sanjeev M Patil, who were SPs in Intelligence, have been posted as DCPs of South and West divisions, respectively.

Besides, Kalaburagi SP Iada Martin Marbaniang has been posted as SP, Anti-Naxal Force in Karkala. He is replaced by AIGP (Crimes) Simi Mariam George. CID SP Nikam Prakash Amrit is posted as Raichur SP replacing CB Vedamurthy, who is transferred as SP (Intelligence). Ilakkiya Karunagaran, DCP (VVIP Security) in Bengaluru city, is posted as SP of KFG, replacing Mohammed Sujeetha, who is posted as DCP (CAR-HQ) in Bengaluru.

Meanwhile, the government cancelled the order issued on June 26, transferring Suman D Pennekar and the officer has been posted as Deputy Director, Karnataka Police Academy in Mysuru replacing Sudheer Kumar Reddy CH.

Woman's phone hacked, contacts get obscene pics

MG CHETAN @Bengaluru

A 33-year-old woman landed in trouble for clicking a link on an SMS sent by an anonymous person. Her phone was allegedly hacked and pornographic content was sent to her contacts, demanding their nude photos in return.

The woman, a resident of Basavanagudi, filed a complaint with the police. According to her complaint, the incident took place on July 29 when she got a call from an unknown number and the caller told her that he had sent a link to an OTP to her phone. The woman clicked on the link she got as a text message. Soon after that, she realised that her WhatsApp account was being controlled by someone else. Her friends told her that they received obscene photos and porn videos on WhatsApp from her number. The sender was allegedly demanding them to send their nude photos and was ready to pay for the same.

"The hacker sent these messages to all my contacts and also to some of my WhatsApp groups," the woman stated in her complaint filed on July 31.

The Cyber Crime Police registered a case under the IT Act. Police said some cybercriminals were following a similar modus operandi and they had received similar complaints in the past.

CRIME PATROL

Kin of deceased man booked for vandalism

Bengaluru: Tilaknagar police have booked the relatives of a man who died in Jayadeva Hospital for vandalism, after they pelted stones at the hospital on Sunday night. Administrative officer of the hospital Chikkathimmaiah filed a complaint with the police. Police are awaiting the results of Pasha's Covid test and are examining CCTV footage from the hospital premises to identify the accused. **ENS**

Posing as tenants, men stab, rob woman

Bengaluru: Posing as tenants, two men barged into a house in Agrahara Dasarahalli on Sunday and stabbed a woman before robbing her of her valuables. SR Meenakshi was alone at home around 11 am when two men who posed as tenants, asked to see the house. When she went in to bring the key, they locked the door and threatened her with a knife. They stabbed her when she tried to raise an alarm, and made off with Rs 60,000 cash and her gold chain. **ENS**

Gang offers lift to woman, robs her

Bengaluru: A gang of three men robbed a woman on Sunday after they offered her a lift. Sarojamma (50) was waiting at a bus stop in Kengeri to take a bus to Ulsoor, when three people in a car offered her a lift to Majestic. After she got in, she realised that the vehicle was heading towards Kommaghatta, and when she questioned, the trio threatened her with a knife and took her gold jewellery and Rs 5,000 cash. **ENS**

Yediyurappa clinically stable, says hospital

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THE CM has also carried the Kannada translation by Ravi Belagere of Brig JP Dalvi's Himalayan Blunder, to keep himself occupied during his week-long hospital stay.

Yediyurappa was admitted to the hospital around 11 pm on Sunday with mild symptoms. His daughter Padmavathi, who too tested positive, has also been admitted in the same hospital.

"At present, he is doing well and is clinically stable. Appropriate treatment has been initiated as per current protocols. He is being treated and monitored closely by a multidisciplinary team of doctors," said a statement from Manipal Hospital in Bengaluru.

BJP MLC N Ravi Kumar, who works closely with the CM, said, "He is quick to adapt to any situation and even from the hospital he is keeping track of all the developments and passing instructions to people concerned."

Though the CM had appointed eight ministers and senior officers for each zone in the state capital, he was constantly holding meetings with them, seeking updates on measures taken to contain the disease spread. As the number of Covid-19 cases in the state, especially Bengaluru, surged in the last few days, he held a series of meetings with ministers, officers, private hospitals and medical college managements. Ministers and bureaucrats will handle the situation and the CM will be updated by the ministers and senior officers. Whenever required, he will give his suggestions or directions, the sources said.

Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar said that he is in touch with the team of doctors treating Yediyurappa and that the CM is doing fine.

Private hospital releases Covid victim's body after HC order

HYDERABAD: Taking a serious view of Sunshine Hospital in Secunderabad refusing to handover the body of an ex-serviceman to his family for non-payment of medical bills, Justice T Vinod Kumar of the Telangana High Court on Monday directed the Centre and Director of Medical and Health Services to enquire into the issue and take stringent action against the hospital if it is found that the bills raised were in excess.

The judge also directed the Station House Officer (SHO) of Ramgopalpet police station to take immediate steps for release of the body of ex-serviceman Ram Kumar Sharma, who died of Covid-19 here on Sunday. ENS

Pralhad, Santhosh not invited to Bhoomi Puja

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ADICHUNCHANAGIRI Mutt sources said, "The seer will take a flight to Lucknow from Bengaluru on Tuesday morning. He is likely to stay at the mutt branch in Varanasi and proceed to Ayodhya on Wednesday."

Interestingly, Union Parliamentary Minister **Pralhad Joshi** and BJP National General Secretary B L Santhosh, who too are from the state, have not been invited, which was confirmed by sources in their offices. Both the leaders are now in Delhi.

Members of various religious organisations, including the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, are sending water from different rivers, including Cauvery, Krishna, Tunga-Bhadra and Nethravathi, and also soil from religious places where prominent temples are situated, including Chamundeshwari Temple in Mysuru, Manjunatha Temple in Dharmasthala and Krishna Temple in Udupi, to Ayodhya.

The historic ceremony will have around 200 invitees, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat and around 50 saints from across the country.

I WAS NOT WORRIED ABOUT COVID, BUT MY PONDS: KAAMEGOWDA

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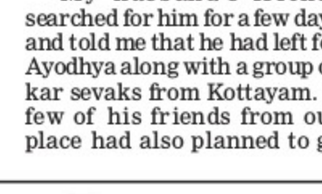

"I was not worried about Covid over the last 14 days, but about ponds and plants at my village. At the hospital, I did not have any work other than taking rest. But my mind was occupied with ponds," said the 84-year-old pondman **Kaamegowda**, who was discharged on Monday.

He tested positive on July 20 and was admitted to Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences. He was asymptomatic. On Monday, he was discharged from the hospital, where he was felicitated for winning the battle.

Gowda told *TNIE*, "Corona is not a big disease. It's like any other fever with cough and cold. All of us are born one day, should die one day. The one thing that makes us live is will power. Corona is more about will power. It's curable in three to five days, and people should not believe in rumours." He was getting treated for his leg injury before testing positive. "Other than missing home food and the pain in the leg, I did not find any difficulty," he said.

Mandya DC Venkatesh was present to see Kaamegowda out of the hospital. "I have told the DC to put a board near ponds and warn people not to wash their clothes or buffaloes. These ponds are meant for animals," he said.

SINCE 1992

28 years on, Ponnamma waits for her husband's return from Ayodhya

BIJU E PAUL @Alappuzha

THE Babri Masjid in Ayodhya was demolished on December 6, 1992, and the reaction of Ponnamma (82), to it was shock and grief. It has nothing to do with faith though.

It was on November that year that her husband Sivarama Karanavar left for Ayodhya from Karuvatta near Harippad in Alappuzha as a kar sevak (volunteer) without telling her. He has not returned yet and Ponnamma has been waiting for the past 28 years. As news of Ayodhya getting ready for Wednesday's Bhoomi Puja comes in more frequently, Ponnamma has mixed feelings.

"My husband's friends searched for him for a few days and told me that he had left for Ayodhya along with a group of kar sevaks from Kottayam. A few of his friends from our place had also planned to go along with him, but they pulled out at the last minute. I realised later that my husband found the money for travel by selling his sewing machine and taking the sum we had saved for farming that year," said Ponnamma.

"I'm expecting his return though I know chances are getting thinner with the passing of every year. When he left us he was around 60 years. So I'm not sure whether I will see him again in this life," she said.

(Right) Ponnamma and her son Ranvvendranatha

Her son Raveendranatha Karanavar said: "My father was running a tailoring shop at the TB Junction in Karuvatta. He was an active member of the RSS. We came to know later that he had discussed his plans to go to Ayodhya with his friends and relatives. Most of them discouraged him, but he was adamant. He abandoned our mother and his five children and left for kar seva."

"Kar sevaks from Karthikapally taluk, who went with my father, returned after the Babri Masjid demolition. When we realised that our father was not among them, we lodged a police complaint and searched for him on our own, but our efforts were futile," he said.

"The Bhoomi Pooja at Ayodhya is auspicious, but we had lost all our happiness with the demolition of Babri Masjid," said Ponnamma.

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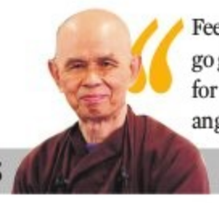

"Feelings come and go like clouds in a windy sky. ... Letting go gives us freedom, and freedom is the only condition for happiness. If, in our heart, we still cling to anything—anger, anxiety, or possessions—we cannot be free

Thich Nhat Hanh

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— Ramnath Goenka

OUR POLITICIANS NEED AN S.O.P. FOR CORONAVIRUS

By now it's been proved several times over that Covid-19 does not discriminate. Machismo comes of no use when masks are the order of the day. Ask Boris Johnson, who had taken the virus rather lightly. Or Bolsonaro. Back home too, the virus is being strikingly egalitarian. In a single day, Union Minister Amit Shah, Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit tested positive. While Shah and BSY checked into hospitals, Governor Purohit is in isolation at Raj Bhawan. The only woman minister in the UP Cabinet, Kamla Rani Varun, has succumbed to the virus, and five of her colleagues tested positive. That's not deterring Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath from visiting Ayodhya, or the prime minister from laying the foundation stone of the Ram Janmabhoomi temple on August 5. Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan has been running his government from the isolation of a hospital bed for some time now. Three of BSY's Cabinet ministers have been through it already, so has Delhi's health minister! In Bengal, TMC MLA Tamonash Ghosh and in Tamil Nadu DMK legislator J Anbazhagan have been felled by the virus. The list is long.

There's clearly a need to set up a standard operating procedure for our politicos, for two reasons. Many of those who tested positive are in high office. The pandemic touching them may look very democratic but it's hardly ideal when those with administrative duties as well as a public role test positive. Political and administrative activity remain bound up in old, feudal-colonial norms of face-to-face interaction. Despite decades of talk about technology, politicians have not taken to it—beyond having their teams tweeting for them. Yes, some of them have played an active, frontal role in reining in the pandemic. Still, their masks slipped at some point. There have got to be better ways of putting across the message of social distancing.

GOOD AND BAD OF BCCI'S WOMEN'S T20 SERIES

After keeping quiet for a long time, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) came up with a volley of announcements in the last two days. Other than details of the Indian Premier League (IPL), guidelines for state associations on resumption of activities and amnesty for age cheats provided they confess, what stood out was a prominent mention of women's cricket. Like last year, the BCCI will organise a four-match T20 series alongside the IPL. For this long-neglected side of Indian cricket, this is big. Live on TV and sharing space with the glam boys during the most followed cricket event in the country is a breakthrough moment indeed.

While the BCCI deserves credit for trying to take women's cricket to prime time, there are questions about the manner in which this was done. The matches to be played in the UAE coincide with the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) in Australia. This is arguably the biggest women's franchise-based T20 league, featuring top players. Four Indians were expected to be part of it. This means the BCCI event will attract only Indians and foreigners who are not good enough to bag WBBL contracts. The tournament in Australia will also suffer, in terms of missing exciting Indian players like Harmanpreet Kaur and Smriti Mandhana.

A body that has made the IPL the most lucrative destination for cricketers, the BCCI should have understood that the best way to market women's cricket is showcasing the best product. By creating this Women's T20 Challenge without taking the Australian board into confidence and after the WBBL schedule was released, the BCCI made sure that both tournaments are devalued. Women's cricket is not yet a saleable commodity in the subcontinent. For it to become one, there can be no compromise on quality. When proposals came up to have the IPL without foreigners during uncertainty earlier this year, the franchises flagged it down, saying brand value will suffer. The same logic applies to women's cricket, probably more, given the smaller pool of women cricketers in India. For this version to thrive, marquee events have to coexist rather than collide. Hopefully, the most influential cricket board will realise this one day.

The Amaravati project was a sham from the beginning. Any hopes the lobby had were shattered last week when the Governor gave his assent to Jagan's three-capital concept

LESSONS FROM THE MISTAKES OF NAIDU FOR JAGAN

G S VASU

Editor, *The New Indian Express*

TAPAS RANJAN

By 11 am on May 11, 2004, Nara Chandrababu Naidu, described fondly by a friendly media as CEO, IT czar and a visionary, was in isolation at his deserted Jubilee Hills residence in Hyderabad. Trends indicated he was losing badly and the Telugu Desam Party eventually ended up with just 47 out of 294 seats, its worst electoral performance after NTR founded it in 1982. "I had worked day and night to put Hyderabad on the global map of IT capitals and the tech crowd was busy watching cricket!" he rued. The TDP's performance in the capital city was as dismal as elsewhere. In opposition for 10 long years, and back in power for five years from 2014, this time in divided Andhra Pradesh, he did an encore: winning 23 of the 175 Assembly seats in 2019. A massive anti-incumbency wave brought YS Jagan Mohan Reddy to power. Learning and unlearning are important to politicians. But Naidu didn't or, perhaps, couldn't as a pliable media once again created grand images of the man over his plan to build a mega capital city at Amaravati, the heartland of Kammas, the socially, politically and financially powerful community. His post-defeat comment remained the same—people are ungrateful though he toiled hard to develop Andhra Pradesh. Work hard he did, but that was essentially to preserve power in the hands of his clan, by making them financially more powerful.

Known for his penchant for grandiose programmes lacking in substance, and vision documents sans vision (back in the 1990s, he came up with Vision 2020 though none can blame him for the mess we are in this year), he touted Amaravati as a People's Capital. It was anything but that. An expert committee set up by the Centre to identify the new capital made some sane observations: a) it's shortsighted policy to take away 30,000 plus acres of fertile land from the rice bowl of Andhra; b) the challenge was to create three lakh new jobs every year; precious fiscal resources should go into public investments in agriculture and other areas instead of building a brick-and-mortar capital city; c) Naidu should look at balanced development of the entire state, not just the Vijayawada-Guntur belt. But none of this mattered as the intention was to benefit absentee landlords and real estate developers. The project turned out to be a sham from the beginning. Close to ₹6,000 crore has been spent on interim buildings and the entire project was estimated to cost upwards of ₹1 lakh crore, which meant debt servicing alone required ₹8,000-10,000 crore a year, according to some estimates.

None expected the "dream merchants" of Amaravati to succeed and any hopes the lobby had were shattered last week when the Governor gave his assent to the three-capital concept proposed by the Jagan government—Visakhapatnam as the executive (administrative capital), Amaravati the seat of legislature and Kurnool the judicial capital. The existing buildings in the three cities should suffice for the stated purposes. In a state essentially comprising three regions with diverse history and classes/castes, this is perhaps the best way forward. At a time when urban sustainability, as also climate change, is a growing concern across the globe, building a megapolis is at best a sign of a megalomaniac, who looks for his name to be etched in the sands of time.

Just as every policy has a political strategy, Jagan's too is obviously intended to prevent consolidation of the Telugu Desam and, if possible, diminish it by the destruction of speculative money that has already flown into Amaravati. The plan, however, could boomerang unless he goes for total decentralisation as suggested by the committees that looked into the capital models. That includes locating government departments at different places, exploiting the full potential the particular districts/regions may have in the form of government/waste lands, water, mineral resources and connectivity. Or else, he runs the same risk as Naidu if everything develops around Vizag, otherwise a serene city, but at one corner of the state and far from Rayalaseema at the opposite end, some 600 km away. This is the primary challenge.

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On the fiscal side, having gone for massive populism, Jagan will find it difficult, going forward, to meet the annual burden of over ₹40,000 crore on welfare schemes for disadvantaged groups, each of which he has unveiled in accordance with his poll promises. Even assuming he does have some negative traits, which his critics keep pointing out, it was no mean achievement for a man who did not have any political backing to capture people's imagination and win their trust. However, with depleting revenues and the Centre linking reforms to higher borrowings, the only option Jagan will be left with is to impose higher taxes, which could hit the middle and upper classes. How well he balances populism while ensuring it does not hurt others is the second challenge. He also needs to find resources to take up projects that will ensure flow of money to the contractor classes (read in more sophisticated language as development), along with welfare.

For now, he has a free run because the TDP leaders and cadre have lost morale and their future looks uncertain. Naidu is 70-plus and his son, Lokesh, whose public speaking skills can put one to sleep or evoke laughter, hardly inspires confidence. But to underestimate the economic classes that back the TDP will be foolish. They may wait for the father-son duo to give way, failing which they will unhesitatingly scout for a new face. Used as they are to wielding direct political power since the advent of the TDP, this section is still not looking at the BJP as an option since that will mean being beholden to the central leadership. Also, in a state that is sharply divided along caste lines and has no history of prolonged Muslim rule, it will be an arduous task for the BJP's Hindutva ideology to gain power.

For historical and other reasons, backward classes have been more comfortable with the TDP than the Congress or now, the YSR Congress. A picture of a meeting in Chittoor district the other day when a Reddy minister, considered close to the chief minister, was offered the ceremonial high seat, with the deputy chief minister belonging to BCs relegated to the one next to him, is only an example. It's wrong messaging, however, superficial the actual sharing of power may be.

Jagan is not naïve and should be more than conscious of these challenges. He is surely not a Tughlaq either, as some "senior/seasoned" journalists sought to describe his rule, from the cosy confines of their air-conditioned offices in Delhi. They are as far removed from reality as Naidu was when he first thought Hitec City in Hyderabad and later, Amaravati, will add shine to his campaign.

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WHY CEA'S VIEWS ON STIMULUS ARE AT VARIANCE WITH REALITY

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With trends for several key indicators now available for the April-June quarter, the impact of the pandemic on the Indian economy is becoming increasingly clear. The most recent of the numbers show that the production in eight core sectors—coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement and electricity—declined by 15% in June 2020 as compared to 22% in the preceding month. Except fertilisers, all other sectors were in the red. For the first quarter of the 2020-21 fiscal taken as a whole, the decline in their production was almost 25%.

A couple of weeks earlier, foreign trade figures for June as well as the April-June quarter provided yet another facet of the state of the economy. These figures showed that India had recorded a trade surplus in June 2020, an augury that was favourably commented on by the government. However, the reality is quite different since the trade surplus resulted from the collapse of imports, which is a strong indication that the economy, especially the manufacturing sector, was on a low ebb. Imports had collapsed through the quarter: While in April and May, imports declined by over 50% as compared to the corresponding period in 2019, the decline was close to 48% in June.

A third indicator is the state of Central government finances, which, not surprisingly, are looking very weak on the revenue side. The lockdown has made its impact felt on net revenue receipts which, for the quarter that ended in June 2020, were down by about 50% over the same period in the previous fiscal. However, monthly net revenue receipts are looking better in June than what they did in April, when they were 71% below the level in April 2019.

It is thus quite evident from all available indicators that in the previous quarter, the Indian economy has experienced an unprecedented decline. This implies that considerable efforts would be required to get consumer demand and business confidence back to an even keel so that the economy begins to tick again. For this to happen, the government must step up to provide sustained support to the most vulnerable, including the micro enterprises. This can be gleaned from the experience of most major economies. Furthermore, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has backed governments to revive their economies, a sharp departure from its earlier position.

With these learning experiences and the IMF advice at hand, it seemed somewhat surprising that in the reckoning of India's Chief Economic Advisor (CEA), the government would provide the next stimulus when the vaccine for Covid-19 was available, for this, in his view, would stimulate consumer demand for discretionary items. There are two covert messages in the CEA's view. The first is that the next stimulus could be expected not before the end of the year or the beginning of the next, since this is the most optimistic time frame for the availability of the vaccines. In other words, the next tranche of stimulus can wait. Secondly, in the economic package announced in May, the government had provided everything necessary to get the fundamentals of the economy in order.

> The CEA has said that the government would provide the next stimulus only when the vaccine for Covid-19 was available. There is a message in this view: the belief that the Centre has already provided everything necessary to get the fundamentals of the economy in order in the May stimulus package. The IMF has now provided the first evidence that this is mistaken

The IMF provides the first set of evidence that the CEA's views are at variance with reality. In a recent assessment of the initiatives taken by G20 countries to rescue their economies from the throes of the pandemic, the IMF had shown that among them, India is the second lowest in terms of additional spending and revenue, namely on fiscal measures. This also means that India has devoted the least fiscal resources from among the top 15 economies. Clearly, India needs to do more, for apart from supporting one of the largest economies, government support is urgently needed to support a large informal sector that sits at the base of the Indian economy.

This informal sector has largely been neglected in the economic package, raising concerns about the future of livelihoods. In the May economic package, the government promised ₹3 lakh crore to businesses and the MSME sector, comprising 6.3 crore units (as of 2015); 99% of these units are micro and are part of the informal sector that do not normally borrow from the formal banking system. The support that the government had promised to businesses and MSMEs are not tailored to the needs of the latter set of enterprises, for at least two reasons. First, enterprises can receive additional working capital support at concessional rates, equivalent to 20% of their outstanding credit. This implies that in order to receive support, the units must have borrowed from formal institutions earlier. Secondly, only those enterprises that follow standard principles for maintaining their accounts can receive support. These are two conditions that almost all MSMEs do not fulfil.

The revival of the Indian economy is impossible without ensuring that the MSME sector gets back on track. Long-term institutional support is essential for ensuring viability of this sector, which the government must provide through its agencies.

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Spreading its tentacles

The sad demise of Kamal Rani Varun, the UP Cabinet's only woman minister, to Covid is a grim reminder that the deadly virus is spreading its tentacles even when utmost care is taken. A few politicians have already become victims to the virus. This pandemic will continue to affect our lives till an effective vaccine is found.

S Ravindranath, Bengaluru

Basic treatment helps

It has been reported that common people affected by the coronavirus are having trouble in getting basic treatment. A simple assurance from an authorised medical practitioner and basic medicine will be of great help in the initial stages.

P Sri Ram, Visakhapatnam

Death could've been averted

The tragic death of a three-year old boy after he swallowed a coin should open the eyes of the health department in Kerala. A government hospital could not save him allegedly due to lack of facilities. His life could have been saved had prompt and proper treatment been available.

Aravindaksha Menon, Pattambi

Kerala Church's message

This is with reference to *Kerala's Church: But where has the message gone?* (Aug 3). The Church in Kerala, irrespective of denomination, has long lost its way ever since it chose to substitute the man on the cross with silver coins.

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Not against reservations

The editorial *Irulas and education for underprivileged* (Aug 3) gives an impression that the New Education Policy is against reservations, which is not true. How is the NEP responsible for an Irula girl being denied an ST certificate in TN? The policy empowers all students to choose from a variety of options.

Shiva Kumar, Bengaluru

Revolutionary, but ...

The NEP is a revolutionary approach to improve our education system. But there are doubts. Degrees like M Phil are to be discontinued. The government should clarify this move's impact on the thousands who have such degrees.

Vivek Suryanarayan Mishra, Odisha

Dissent needed

This is with reference to the recent interview with Viral Acharya. As the former RBI deputy governor has pointed out, voices of dissent are necessary for good decision-making. It is true that government horizons can be short.

M S R Rao, Bengaluru

Govt-controlled temples

This is with reference to *Staffer desecrates sacred altar of temple* (July 30). Almost all devotees visiting government-controlled temples have countless such stories to tell. The political affiliations of employees embolden them to do any nefarious activities within the temple premises.

M C Nair, Kochi

Spirituality our lifeblood

This is with reference to *'India has spiritual immunity'* (July 30). Spirituality is the lifeblood of Indian culture. The Vedanta expert has highlighted Bhagavad Gita's importance.

Varadharajan A, Sirkazhi

Sole vaccine against hatred

Vedanta scholar Jaya Row's lamentation about Indians still not taking the wealth of Gita seriously while Westerners evince interest is justified. Materialistic desire is like a flash of lightning, intensely bright but only for a moment. Any country will go to ruins if it is not firm in making spirituality the basis of life as this is the sole vaccine against desire and hatred.

R Pichumani, Kumbakonam

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Narendra Modi @narendramodi
Lata didi, on this auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan, your heartfelt message gives infinite inspiration and energy.

Shashi Tharoor @ShashiTharoor
Wonder why our Home Minister, when ill, chose not to go to AIIMS but to a private hospital in a neighbouring state.

Amit Malviya @amitmalviya
More than 101 people have died in Punjab... But deafening silence in Lutyens media on the tragedy.

Govt begins shramik skill mapping

To map labourers' availability in 30 UP and Bihar dists, requirements of workers in MSMEs

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

THE Centre has started an exercise to map skills of migrant workers in 30 districts of UP and Bihar and provide them employment in areas near their hometowns, also helping the industry, especially the MSME sector, in the availability of workers.

To begin with, it has been decided to map the availability of 'shramiks' (labourers) in select 30 districts of UP/Bihar and the requirements of workers in the MSMEs and other industries of Mumbai/Pune region on a pilot project basis. It will later be extended across the country. Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC), an autonomous body of Department of Science and Technology, has taken up a project for developing a dynamic app/portal for mapping the skills of migrant shramiks vis-a-vis industry requirements under Shramik Shakti Manch (SAKSHAM). It is working with Sapio analytics for development of a platform.

A survey is also being initiated to enable the government to understand the extent of migration and help it plan policies for 'shramiks'. The app will map availability of 'shramiks' and highlight the name, age, sex, contact details, Aadhar card numbers or unique mobile numbers, skill sets and level of skills. On the industry part, the data will involve requirement of shramiks, the remuneration offered and residential, other facilities provided and duration for which 'sharamiks' are needed in MSMEs and other industries in Mumbai, Pune and other parts of Maharashtra.

The initiative is aimed at providing 'shramiks' as well as industries a platform where the available skills can be highlighted and utilised by the local industries on a need-based rational approach. This technological intervention is also expected to help in reducing the miseries of the 'shramiks' to compulsorily travel long distances.

"Our effort is to make available gainful employment for these shramiks and at the same time, ensure MSMEs and other industries know the region/district wise availability of skilled/semi-skilled workers," said a TIFAC official.

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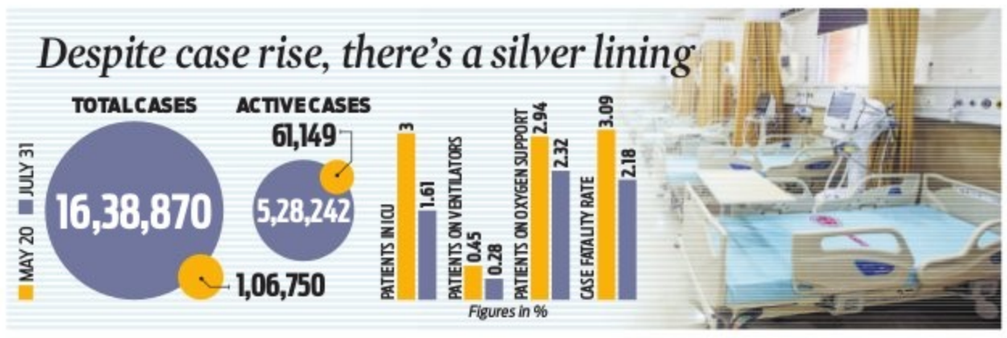

Substantial fall in need for ICU beds, ventilators: Data

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

THE number of active Covid-19 cases in India may be going up, but there has been a considerable fall in the requirement for ICU beds, ventilators and oxygen beds in the last two months, an analysis of the government data shows.

On May 20, when the number of active cases was 61,149, 3 per cent of the cases or 1,834 patients were in the ICU, 0.45 per cent or 275 patients were on ventilators, while 2.94 per cent cases or 1,797-patients were on oxygen support, according to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

In comparison, on July 31, when the country had 5,28,242 active cases, 1.61 per cent or 8,504 were in ICU, 0.28 per cent or 1,580 patients were on ventilators and 2.3 per cent or 12,255 were on oxygen support.

Experts said this improvement in the clinical outcome of many severely sick patients could be attributed to better medical management of patients that includes early use of steroid, quick detection of cases owing to increased testing rates and avoiding the use of invasive ventilators.

"The health ministry statistics confirm what clinicians like us are experiencing across the board," said Dr Anupam Singh, an infectious disease expert from Ghaziabad.

"In the course of the pandemic, we have been learning on the go and are definitely seeing the number of deaths and moderately and severely ill patients declining," he said adding that a dramatic change has been noticed after the use of steroid in patients requiring which arrests the progression of the moderate illness.

In its Covid-19 clinical management protocol, the AIIMS, New Delhi on June 1 had recommended using steroid and anti-coagulants or blood thinners as blood clotting is also a main cause of mortality in patients. "This guideline has been extensively followed since mid-June in most parts of the country and the clinical outcomes have improved considerably," said Dr Singh. "Starting mid-May steroid was being used in very few patients and in probably only in very late stages of the disease."

Dr Yatin Mehta, head of critical care medicine department in Medanta Hospital in Gurugram said the introduction of rapid antigen test as a quick testing method to identify Covid-19 cases may have been a very helpful tool in saving lives, despite its limitations.

"It allows a large number of mild cases to be identified who can then be observed and medically managed even if at home," he said.

'Bihar govt dealing with pandemic effectively, controlled fatality rate'

IN three months, Bihar is the only state that will go to Assembly polls this year in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the NDA is gearing up to seek a fresh mandate based on its development credentials. BJP Rajya Sabha MP **Bhupender Yadav**, who is party's in-charge for Bihar, told **Manish Anand** in an interview that the election sshould be held as per schedule. Excerpts:

How is the BJP approaching the Assembly elections?
The BJP and the JD(U) have provided good governance in the state for a long time, barring 20 months when the RJD-led front came to power in the state (in 2015). From minus growth, our alliance has been able to steady the state economy to a positive development trajectory. The state government has delivered on key parameters of development, including electricity, potable drinking water and roads. We have shown tremendous growth in agriculture. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has recently inaugurated the Gandhi Setu, a state-of-art 5.5 km-long bridge built for ₹1,742 crore (over the river Ganga to connect Patna with Hajipur).

Should there be an election when Bihar is fighting the Covid-19 outbreak?
Bihar is dealing with the pandemic effectively, and the low fatality rate despite a large population demonstrates the effectiveness of the state government's response. The Election Commission has consulted with all political parties in the state. Some of the measures such as increasing the number of polling booths, ensuring social distancing, postal ballots for those above 80 years of age and the ICMR guidelines have been spelt out so far. We will follow them.

What will be the BJP's election agenda?
Continuity, constructive approach, and improvement in the law and order situation are some of the good aspects of the NDA government.

What would be NDA's seat-sharing formula?
The talks are going on among the NDA leaders on the matter. We are clear that the constituent parties will work out a formula soon.

Will the BJP remain a junior partner of the JD(U)?
It's not an issue of being a junior or a senior partner in the alliance in Bihar. The BJP is committed to good governance.

What's your assessment of the political situations in Bihar since you have held district-wise reviews of the party?
We have reviewed the political and pandemic situations at district levels. We are satisfied that we have managed to reach out to the people affected by the Covid-19 pandemic with food relief and other essential services.

Tejashwi Yadav recently apologised for any "mistakes" during the 15 years of his party's rule in Bihar. How do you look at this strategy?
What is he apologising for? The people had given him the mandate in the 2015 elections. But Nitish Kumar had to part ways with him because of his incapacity, arrogance, corruption and overall lack of governance. Politics is not a child's play; Tejashwi should know that.

Will the migrant issues be a factor in the polls?
The government had run 1,500 dedicated trains for 20 lakh migrants to reach their respective homes. They are satisfied with the measures taken by the government.

PRECAUTION

6 BJP MPs in quarantine after Shah tests +ve

NEW DELHI/KOLKATA: IT and Telecom Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad and five other BJP MPs from West Bengal have gone into self-isolation as they had met Home Minister Amit Shah, who tested positive for Covid-19 on Sunday, last week.

Prasad does not have any symptoms and the self-isolation is purely based on an existing protocol, sources said. The two ministers from Bengal, Babul Supriyo and Debasree Chowdhury, and three MPs Nisith Pramanik, Saumitra Khan and Swapan Dasgupta, decided to self-quarantine at home as they are asymptomatic and they are yet to conduct Covid-19 tests.

Senior BJP leader Mukul Roy, who was scheduled to fly to Delhi on Monday to meet Shah, cancelled his trip. Roy triggered an intra-party feud after skipping recent meetings with the high-command following his discontent over the issue of a section of state BJP functionaries' projections claiming the party would bag as many as 190 out of 294 Assembly seats in the 2021 elections. Roy, however, said he cancelled his Delhi trip because the flight ticket of his choice was not available.

"I don't have any symptom. Doctors advised me to isolate self and observe whether I develop any symptom. I live with my parents, wife and child. I have confined myself in a room. I will go through a test after Tuesday," said Supriyo. *ENS*

A worker sanitises a gym at Peerless Inn hotel in Kolkata | PTI FILE

Six-feet distance must for yoga centres, gyms: MHA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Monday, in guidelines issued for gymnasiums and yoga institutes under Unlock 3.0, said elderly people above the age of 65 years, people with comorbidities, pregnant women and children below the age of 10 years should not use them in closed spaces.

Under the Ministry of Home Affairs guidelines, gyms and yoga centres across the country have been allowed to start opening from August 5, provided that they are not in Covid-19 containment areas.

"Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet as far as feasible," said the guidelines. The guidelines added that while "yogic kriyas" are to be avoided or planned in open spaces, users should be put in batches and allocated staggered timings to avoid overcrowding of people while entering and exiting the fitness centre.

Each batch could have a gap of 15-30 minutes in between to keep rush at bay and facilitate cleaning and disinfecting process, said the advisory. "Those having oxygen saturation level below 95 per cent should not be allowed to exercise," it added.

Wearing of masks and face covers is mandatory. However, those may cause breathing difficulties during exercising and therefore, the health ministry has said people can use a visor as a preventive measure.

Frequent hand washing and using hand sanitisers have been emphasised by the government which has also advised a strict practice of "respiratory etiquettes".

The managers of gymnasiums and yoga institutes have been directed to plan fitness activities keeping the floor area of 4 square metre per person.

The utilisation of outdoor space has been encouraged and such centres have also been asked to create specific pathways for the entry and exit points into the premises by using a markings. Regular and timely disinfection of premises, machines, equipment to be carried out.

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> MHA guidelines

'ATMANIRBHAR'

MoD rolls out ambitious draft plan for defence export

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Defence (MoD) on Monday released a draft Defence Production and Export Promotion Policy 2020 (DPEPP 2020) — the guiding document of the ministry. The goal will be "to position India among the leading countries of the world in defence and aerospace sectors".

"The DPEPP 2020 is envisaged as an overarching guiding document to provide a focused, structured and significant thrust to defence production capabilities of the country for self-reliance and exports," said MoD in its official statement.

To provide impetus to self-reliance in defence manufacturing, multiple announcements were made under 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Package'. The policy moves ahead and lays out objectives to achieve a turnover of ₹1,75,000 crore ($ 25 billion) including export of ₹35,000 crore ($ 5 billion) in aerospace and defence goods and services by 2025.

The goals also include developing a dynamic, robust and competitive defence industry, including aerospace and naval shipbuilding industry, to cater to the needs of armed forces with quality products. The goal is to reduce dependence on imports and take forward 'Make in India' initiatives.

The plan is to promote defence products export and become a part of the global defence value chain. It includes the creation of an environment that encourages research and development, rewards innovation, creates Indian intellectual property ownership and promotes a robust and self-reliant defence industry. For securing the goals enumerated in policy, it brings out multiple strategies focusing on areas like procurement reforms, indigenisation and support to MSMEs/startups and optimising resource allocation.

Inputs on draft policy latest by August 17

The draft has been uploaded on MoD's site for public consultation and seeking inputs/comments from the stakeholders. Based on the feedback, the policy would be promulgated by the MoD. Inputs/comments on the draft policy can be sent latest by August 17 to the email ID dirpnc-ddp@nic.in.

EXPRESS READ

Rly creates record in making LHB coaches

New Delhi: The Indian Railways has created a record by manufacturing 151 Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches in July, the highest ever produced in a month. "The Rail Coach Factory (RCF) Kapurthala manufactured 107 LHB coaches in June and in the first four months of the current financial, it has produced 310 coaches out of which 307 are modern LHB coaches. RCF manufactured 65 LHB coaches in July 2019," a statement from the ministry of railways said.

India's nationalistic and Sinophobic attitude a deadly mix: Global Times

NEW DELHI: Even as the fifth round of corps commander level meetings culminated on Sunday, China on Monday said India's nationalistic and Sinophobic attitude was a deadly mix.

"This type of Sinophobic zealotry is attempting to exacerbate a simple border conflict into economic decoupling. After some Indian nationalists advocated boycotting Chinese goods, surprisingly, the Indian government was soon infected by their irrationality to and abused the concept of 'national security' to ban 106 Chinese apps. New Delhi moved even further and irresponsibly disallowed Chinese companies to participate in road construction projects in India," an article in the Chinese Communist Party mouthpiece, *The Global Times*, said quoting Chinese experts.

The article says despite the ban on Chinese apps by New Delhi, Beijing and the people of China have not resorted to any restrictive policy or "headline-grabbing" boycott movements against India. "Any sort of anti-Indian sentiment cannot be found in the broad Chinese society. The totally different stances of the two countries are quite an interesting phenomenon to analyse," it stated.

Saying that China understands the feeling of India well, it goes on to say that the same nationalistic fervour was seen in the Chinese people 10 years ago when they boycotted Japanese products due to the disputes arising out of the claims over the Diaoyu Islands. *ENS*

Bhushan expresses regret, but only for 'no helmet' tweet on CJI Bobde

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

DAYS after contempt notice was issued to **Prashant Bhushan** for two of his tweets the senior advocate on Monday expressed regret only for a portion of his tweet on Chief Justice of India S A Bobde and former CJIs.

In his 142-page affidavit on criminal contempt, Bhushan has regretted only one thing that he did not notice the motorcycle was on a stand when he tweeted on Bobde riding a ₹50 lakh bike "without a helmet".

"At the outset, I admit that I did not notice that the bike was on a stand and therefore wearing a helmet was not required. I, therefore, regret that part of my tweet. However, I stand by the remaining part of what I have stated in my tweet," the affidavit reads.

About his other tweets, however, Bhushan said they were his "bona fide impression about the manner and functioning of the Supreme Court in the past years".

He reiterated his criticism over the restricted functioning of the Supreme Court during the lockdown and pandemic, and said bona fide critique of the actions of the CJI cannot and does not scandalise the court.

In his affidavit, Bhushan conceded that the right to free speech is subject to reasonable restriction. However, in his opinion, such restrictions cannot be allowed to curb "constructive criticism from persons of knowledge and standing." And, if this is done then it would amount to "stifling of dissent".

"Preventing citizens from demanding accountability and reforms and advocating for the same by generating public opinion is not a reasonable restriction," he said.

A bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra will hear the suo motu case on August 5.

'NO INFIGHTING IN BJP'

Amid reports of infighting in the BJP unit of West Bengal, party state president Dilip Ghosh on Monday said all was well in the organisation, and charged the TMC with spreading canards against the saffron camp

13-YO MEGHALAYA GIRL DROWNS WHILE TRYING TO SAVE FRIEND

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WEST BENGAL

TEACHER ON TREETOP: FLIP SIDE OF ONLINE CLASSES

PRANAB MONDAL @Kolkata

THE Covid-19 pandemic has taught us lessons in reality. Begin it from school education, the online version of dispensing primary and secondary education. A spirited teacher in a remote village in Bankura district of West Bengal has set up his workstation on a tree to get proper network connection for conducting online classes.

"We have network issues in our village. It is not available at my home. I explored and climbed a tree to find the uninterrupted network. I take classes from 10 am to 4.30 pm. I leave home with water bottles and food before going to my treetop workspace," said Subrata Pati, the teacher.

With classes suspended in West Bengal along with the rest of the country due to Covid-19, educationists have raised questions on the efficacy of online classes, considering the students' access to computers and compatible internet services.

An analysis of the report of the National Sample Survey (NSS) office in 2019 by Pratichi, a trust working on education and health, reveals only 9% of the households in the state have computers.

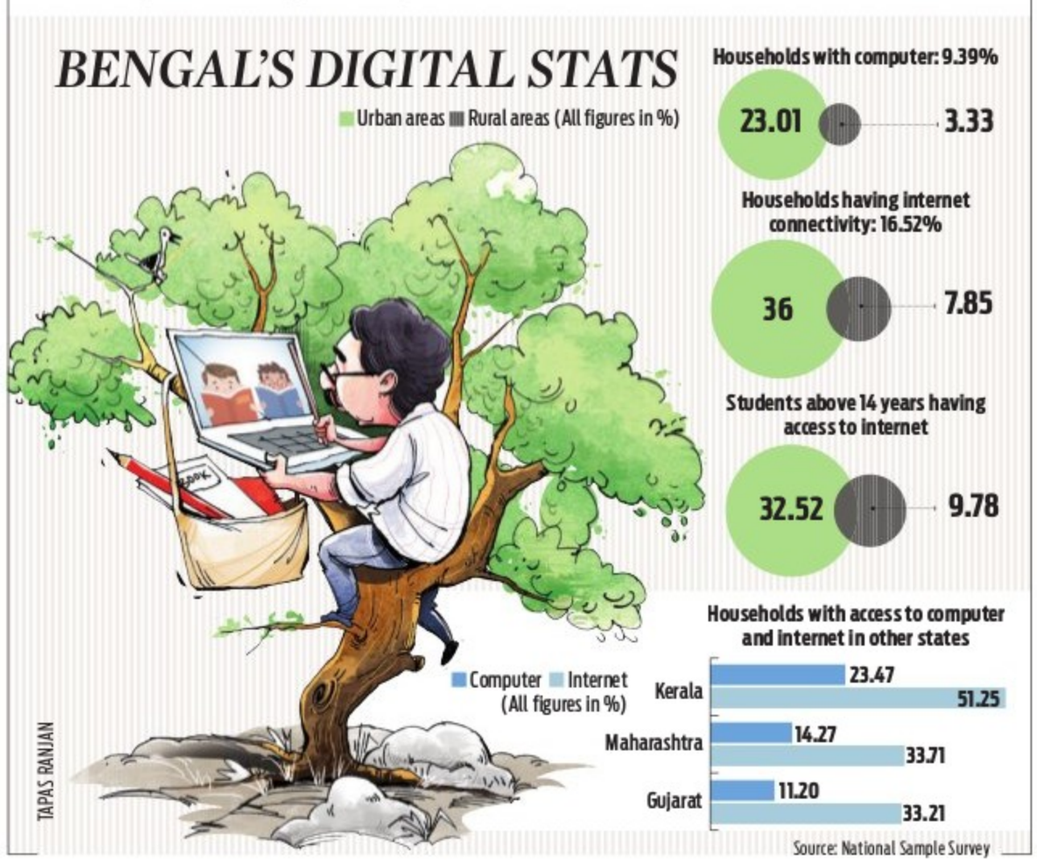
For online classes, teachers and students must have either a smartphone with high-speed net connectivity or a broadband connected computer. The analysis of the NSS data reveals that in Bengal, which is lagging behind Kerala, Maharashtra and Gujarat, only 3.33% families living in rural pockets have computers. The figure is 23.01% in urban areas.

"In rural Bengal, students have access to schools, but having a smartphone in their family is still considered a dream. If a family has a smartphone, it is for the earning member of the household. Besides, most of them keep their internet data usage restricted within one GB per month, which is inadequate to participate in online exercise," said Dr Bishnupriya Dutta Gupta, a professor of political science.

Soumen Konar, the headmaster of Krishnapur High School in East Burdwan district, narrated how his initiative to launch online classes proved futile. "In April, we decided to engage 150 students of Class IX and X in online classes. Initially 80 students agreed, but the attendance dropped to 50 within a month. Only 15 students are now left availing of the online facility," he said.

Bishnupriya found that online classes are hardly leaving any impact on students from underprivileged households. "With an ailing grandmother or grandfather, two siblings and parents, a student of a family living in 12 by 14 feet single-room accommodation can hardly focus when teachers lecture during online classes," she said.

The Students Federation of India (SFI), the student wing of the CPI(M), has started a survey to elicit views of general students about the efficacy of online classes. It has aimed to reach at least 5,000 students across the state.



Ayodhya: Three-day puja begins

One of the main litigants of the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute accepts invitation

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

WITH just two days left for the foundation laying ceremony of Ram temple in Ayodhya on August 5, Iqbal Ansari, one of the main litigants of the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute, on Monday received an invitation to attend function.

Accepting the invitation, Ansari said, "I will welcome the Prime Minister as he is coming to lay the foundation stone of Ram temple. I will present him with *Ramcharitmanas*, the holy book of Hindus, and a stole with name of Lord Ram on it."

Iqbal Ansari, the son of Hashim Ansari, who was the original litigant in the case, is invitee number 146, where only 200 VVIPs are being invited.

On Monday, the three-day rituals, ahead of the *bhoomi pujan*, commenced with worshipping of *'Gauri'* (Goddess Parvati) and *'Ganesh'*. The *puja* began at 8 am with chanting of *mantras* by 21 priests from Ayodhya, Prayagraj and Varanasi.

The nine slabs of stones were also worshipped. These stones will be laid in the foundation of sanctum sanctorum of the proposed temple.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also visited the temple town on Monday to take stock of the preparations for August 5 ceremony. The CM visited both the Ram Janmabhoomi premises and Hanuman Garhi temple where PM is expected to go for Darshan ahead of *bhoomi pujan* ceremony.

Addressing the media, CM Yogi said that August 5 would go into the annals of history as one of the most glorious occasions.

"Keeping in mind its significance, I have come here to take stock of preparations personally. The moment, when PM Modi will perform *bhoomi pujan* and lay the foundation of the construction of Ram temple translating the dream of 500 years into reality, will be historic not only for Ayodhya but entire world," said CM Yogi.

"Ayodhya has woken up to 'Treta Yug' today, "said Mahant Satyendra, the head priest of Ram Janmabhoomi temple where Lord Ram is placed in a temporary abode.

UP CM Yogi Adityanath takes stock of preparations for the bhoomi pujan ceremony of the 'Ram Mandir' in Ayodhya | PTI

When PM Modi will lay the foundation of the Ram temple it would be translating the dream of 500 years into reality. It will be historic for the entire world
Yogi Adityanath, UP CM

Baghel govt plans to make Mata Kaushalya temple heritage site

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

WHILE Ayodhya gets ready for the *bhoomi pujan* ceremony to starts the construction of Ram temple, the Congress-led Chhattisgarh government bets on Mata Kaushalya, the mother of Lord Ram.

The state government has outlined its scheme on creating a magnificent temple of Mata Kaushalya at Chadrakhuri, the birthplace of Lord Ram's mother.

"We will make Lord Rama's maternal home Chandrakhuri as reverent and imposing as any place in mythological tales. The construction work of the temple will start in August and it would be the part of Ram Van Gaman Path plan", Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said.

The only ancient temple of Mata Kaushalya in the country is at Chandrakhuri, about 30 km from Raipur.

The new plan will keep the original form of the temple intact while accomplishing a mega project through building a grand temple complex. The construction work, beautification plan and campus development of temple would be completed in two phases with an estimated cost of ₹15.78 crore, a senior official said.

As per CM's directive, the destination is to be developed as a tourist-pilgrimage site. The state has a glorious past associated with Ramayana.

IPL rumble begins, but with RSS boos

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

CONDEMNING the BCCI for its decision to continue with the Chinese sponsors for the IPL, the RSS-affiliate Swadeshi Jagaran Manch (SJM) on Monday urged people to consider boycotting the T20 league to be held in the United Arab Emirates from September 19. The BCCI on Sunday decided not to cut off its links with Chinese companies, which are the tournament's major sponsors.

"The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and the Indian Premier League Governing Council have shown utter disrespect to the Indian soldiers killed by Chinese troops with its decision to hold the cricket league with its Chinese sponsors," said SJM's co-convener Ashwani Mahajan.

"At a time when the country is striving hard to make our economy free from Chinese dominance in the markets, the government is making all efforts to keep China out of our markets, this act of the IPL Governing Council is an aberration to the nation's mood," Mahajan said. He added that people should consider boycotting the cricket league.

Mahajan also urged the IPL organisers and the BCCI to rethink about their decision to allow Chinese companies to sponsor the cricket league.

'Had told Mumbai police of threat to Sushant's life in Feb'

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR AND SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Patna/Mumbai

EVEN as the Mumbai police and the Maharashtra government faced a barrage of criticism for forcibly quarantining a Bihar Police officer who had gone to lead the probe into the Suhant Singh Rajput death case, the actor's father K K Singh, in his first public statement, alleged that he had approached the Bandra police on February 25 and informed them that his son's life was in danger, but no action was taken.

Sushant's family was apprehensive of the threat to him from those who have now been named in the FIR registered by the Patna police. Singh said he approached Patna police after the Mumbai police failed to take any action even 40 days after his son's death. Sushant's father said that the "accused are running away". Sushant's girlfriend actress Rhea Chakraborty and her family have been named in the FIR.

Mumbai police, however, said no written complaint was made to the Bandra police. O P Singh, an IPS officer and Sushant's brother-in-law, had sent WhatsApp messages to the then DCP of Bandra, who had informed him that a written complaint was mandatory for any inquiry or action, the Mumbai police said.

Patna SP was forcibly quarantined in Mumbai on Sunday night

In Patna, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said the treatment meted out to Patna (Central) City SP Vinay Tiwari by the BrihanMumbai Municipal Corporation "is not right at all. Tiwri was forcefully quarantined for 14 days late on Sunday night. Bihar DGP Gupteshwar Pandey later held a meeting and decided to send a strong protest letter to the BMC.

The Mumbai police commissioner, at a press briefing, said Sushant was under treatment for bipolar disorder and was under stress over being linked to the death of his former manager Disha Salian.

Singh also claimed that Sushant's family members, in their statements recorded on June 16, had "neither raised any suspicion nor complained about any lapse in our probe." He claimed there was no party at the actor's house on June 13 and also denied the involvement of any politician.

SOME RELIEF

Pak HC opens window for Jadhav getting Indian lawyer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Islamabad High Court on Monday directed the Pakistan government to allow India to appoint a lawyer for former Indian Navy officer Kulbhushan Jadhav, imprisoned in Pakistan on espionage charges.

The court was hearing a plea filed by Pakistan's Law and Justice Ministry, seeking an appointment of a lawyer for Jadhav, who was sentenced to death by a Pakistani military court.

"The court asked that India once again be approached to engage a lawyer who is entitled to practice in Pakistan, Pakistan Attorney General Khalid Javed Khan said. He, however, said no option has been given so far to allow Indian lawyers to assist the Pakistani legal team.

The court specified that the appointed legal representative must be a Pakistani national and that the ministry of foreign affairs would make the offer of the lawyer.

Punjab hooch tragedy toll reaches 116; 550 smugglers under radar

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

WITH more than 116 deaths in the hooch tragedy in Taran Taran, Amritsar and Gurdaspur districts of Punjab, the police and excise department now have information about 550 alleged illicit manufactures-cum-smugglers of spurious liquor, who are operating in the state.

However, the intelligence wing of the state police which gave a confidential report in this regard to both these departments eleven months ago but no action was taken.

Till now 91 people have died in Taran Taran, 13 in Amritsar and 12 in Batala town of Gurdaspur district.

The Punjab Police on Monday apprehended 12 more persons, including two businessmen, and have launched a manhunt for a Ludhiana-based paint business owner who had initially supplied three drums of spurious liquor that had resulted in several deaths.

The total number of arrests in the case has gone up to 37, including five kingpins of the illicit liquor mafia across several districts of the state. "A manhunt has been launched for 8 more identified accused, including the Ludhiana-based paint shop owner, Rajesh Joshi, believed to be a key player in the mafia chain," said DGP Dinkar Gupta.

Sources said that as per initial investigation it has come to light that the equal amounts of water and denatured spirit which is meant for industrial use (in the paint and hardware industry) and not human consumption was to mixed to produce thus spurious liquor. This denatured spirit contains 70% to 99% ethanol and is most often it is denatured with at least 5 per cent to 10 per cent methanol, besides additives.

A man undergoes treatment at Civil Hospital in Tarn Taran district in Punjab | PTI

Police should be transparent: Uddhav

Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray has asked police department to be more transparent while handling big cases like Sushant Singh Rajput death. He also instructed them to provide information to the media on a timely basis, otherwise that would raise suspect. Thackeray said that that the police should not hide anything which is not hampering the investigation. This will not only build the trust but people will also know the right things. The message was recently given to all departments be transparent while taking any decisions.

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Actor's death: Dy CM's son writes to Deshmukh

Even though Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh has ruled out a CBI probe in Sushant Singh Rajput's death, deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar's son Parth Pawar son Parth Pawar has written to Deshmukh and requested him 'to take national emotions into consideration and initiate a CBI investigation' in late actor's death. Taking to Twitter, he shared the letter which reads, "The untimely death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput has sent shock waves across the nation. Sushant's death has sadly come to represent the death of the aspirations of young Indians who move to Mumbai to fulfill their dreams. I join the youth of this nation in their collective mourning. I have received e-mails, messages, and calls from the youth of various states in this regard."

BJP fears MLAs may jump parties before Diwali

When Bhartiya Janta Party lost the power in Maharashtra in 2019, it had ensured its lawmakers that by Diwali 2020, they will regain the pride. However, this doesn't'seem happening. Earlier the BJP lawmakers were told that within the six months, the Uddhav Thackeray government will collapse but it did not happen. Reports suggest that BJP leadership is working on ways to keep its flock together, so that the leaders don't jump ships to either NCP or Congress, which intum would damage the party further. BJP is the single largest party with 105 MLAs in the 288 member House.

Patil asks workers to be aggressive on social media

BJP state president Chandrakant Patil and former chief minister Devendra Fadnavis are these days rattled after being trolled by the Congress, NCP and Shiv Sena leaders on the social media. Patil in a party meeting told his leaders and workers that they will no longer tolerate the trolling where he is being called as 'Champa' due to his first name and Devendra Fadnavis as 'Tarbuzya' or water melon. He also asked them to be aggressive on social media but use decent language.

6.9 lakh

people have died due to Covid-19 globally, as per the John Hopkins University's virus tracker

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	37	24	SNY	Los Angeles	27	17	SNY
Colombo	30	25	TDS	Melbourne	9	4	LR
Doha	45	32	SNY	Moscow	25	13	LC
Dubai	31	30	SNY	New York	26	21	TDS
Houston	36	24	SNY	Singapore	31	26	TDS
Istanbul	39	20	SNY	Toronto	24	16	TDS
London	23	14	LC	Washington DC	26	21	TDS

US economy at risk as jobless benefits expire, relief talks drag on

Stalemate in negotiations between White House & Congress over huge virus relief bill for $1,200 stimulus checks, unemployment benefits & partial eviction ban

WASHINGTON

AMERICAN lawmakers are hearing more and more warnings while the Congress and the White House try to reach a deal on a Covid-19 relief bill, as the delay is leaving millions of people bereft of crucial payments and putting economic recovery of the US and the world at risk.

Slow, grinding negotiations on the relief bill resumed on Monday, but the path forward promises to be challenging.

Both the Trump administration negotiating team and top Capitol Hill Democrats reported progress over the weekend after the lapse of a $600-per-week supplemental Covid-19 jobless benefit, which is a crucial safety net for 30 million Americans.

The two sides failed to reach a deal by July 31. Democrats want the benefit to be renewed as it is until early 2021, but Republicans are set against it and are pushing for reducing the payments. This has made the jobless benefit payments one of the most consequentially sticking points in the talks, media reports said.

The White House is seeking opportunities to boost President Donald Trump, like another round of $1,200 stimulus payments and extending the supplemental jobless benefit and partial eviction ban. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the top Democratic negotiator, appears intent on an agreement as well, but she's made it clear she needs big money for state and local governments, unemployment benefits and food aid.

(L-R) Democrats Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Republican White House chief of staff Mark Meadows | AP

White House chief of staff Mark Meadows, however, is understaffed during the talks and seems to struggle with his read on Pelosi. He spent much of his time on CBS' "Face The Nation" attacking her for opposing a piecemeal approach that would revive jobless benefits immediately but leave other items like food stamps and aid to states for later legislation. She is insisting on a complete package.

Meadows hasn't made any concessions on the almost $1 trillion Pelosi wants for state and local governments grappling with pandemic-related revenue losses.

"We still have a long ways to go," Meadows said, adding, "I'm not optimistic that there will be a solution in the very near term."

Pelosi said she'd consider reducing the $600 benefit for states with lower unemployment rates. Republicans want to cut the benefit to encourage beneficiaries to return to work and say it is bad policy since it pays many jobless people more money than they made at their previous jobs.

"But in this agreement it's $600," Pelosi said on ABC's "This Week." "Yes, they might anecdotally have examples, but the fact is, is that they're subjecting somebody who gets $600 to scrutiny they won't subject some of the people that are getting millions of dollars" through the loan program for small businesses that keep employees on their payrolls.

Another sticking point is that the GOP want to give school aid to systems restarting with in-school learning, but experts are cautious about school reopenings. *Agencies*

Global Covid tally tops 18 mn, Don blasts WH's virus expert

PARIS

THE World Health Organization on Monday warned there might never be a "silver bullet" for the coronavirus, as the number of global infections passed 18 million.

The world's hope of ending the current cycle of outbreaks and lockdowns rests on a vaccine, but the UN health agency said governments and citizens should focus on what is known to work: testing, contact tracing, maintaining physical distance and wearing a mask.

"We all hope to have a number of effective vaccines that can help prevent people from infection," WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told a virtual press conference.

"However, there's no silver bullet at the moment -- and there might never be," he said.

"For now, stopping outbreaks comes down to the basics of public health and disease control. Do it all."

A 7-year-old waits at a bus stop for the first day of school in Georgia, US. Some schools have reopened in the US despite fears of new virus outbreaks | AP

Birx 'took the bait'

President Donald Trump on Monday lashed out at his coronavirus response coordinator Deborah Birx after she sounded a grim warning about the pandemic's new surge, calling her remarks "pathetic."

Russia aims to produce millions of Covid vaccine doses per month by 2021

Russia said Monday it aims to launch mass production of a coronavirus vaccine next month and turn out "several million" doses per month by next year. The country is pushing ahead with several vaccine prototypes and one trialled by the Gamaleya institute in Moscow has reached advanced stages of development and is about to pass state registration, officials said.

Trump, angered by what he sees as overly pessimistic media coverage of his handling of the pandemic, said Birx had given into pressure to sound negative.

"Deborah took the bait & hit us. Pathetic!" he tweeted.

On Sunday, Birx told CNN that the United States, which has already seen nearly 155,000 deaths from Covid-19, is entering "a new phase" of spread.

"It is extraordinarily widespread," she said. "To everybody who lives in a rural area, you are not immune or protected from this virus."

Trump said that Birx's warning was issued only after she was attacked by the Democratic House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi. Pelosi and other Democrats have gone after Birx, a veteran public health expert, over what they say is her willingness to tailor her messages to win approval from Trump.

"I think the president is spreading disinformation about the virus and she is his appointee, so I don't have confidence there, no," Pelosi said ABC television. *AFP*

Sanofi charged with manslaughter over birth defects

French prosecutors have indicted pharma giant Sanofi for manslaughter over birth defects linked to an epilepsy drug, the company said Monday, in a long-running case that has also seen it charged with fraud

15,000-30,000

Studies say Sanofi's drug caused disabilities in about 15,000-30,000 children whose mothers took the medicine while pregnant

10-40%

higher risk of children getting of congenital malformations, autism and learning difficulties when pregnant women took the drug

VALPROATE

Drug name, also marketed as Depakine

TREATMENT FOR

- Epilepsy
- Migraines
- Bipolar disorder

1967 launched in the market

COVID VACCINE RACE

Sanofi is working on a candidate vaccine against the novel coronavirus with Britain's GSK, for which it will receive up to $2.1 billion from the US government

ASIA MATTERS

PAKISTAN

Lockdown from Aug 17 despite fall in cases

Even as Pakistan recorded one of its lowest 24-hour infection rates with just 330 new cases reported on Monday, the government announced a new countrywide lockdown through Aug. 17, with grocery stores and pharmacies allowed to open. Mosques and churches will also be allowed to stay open, but with social distancing and masks. The new lockdown follows the Muslim holiday of Eid ul Adha, which ended Monday in Pakistan. The lockdown was imposed to avoid a spike in cases that occurred in June after Pakistanis celebrated the earlier Muslim holiday of Eid ul Fitr. In mid-June, Pakistan recorded more than 6,000 new daily cases of the virus. Since then, it has been on a steady decline. The death rate has also dropped, with only eight fatalities reported Monday.

SRI LANKA

Detained 'drug smuggler' cat escapes prison

A cat detained at Sri Lanka's main prison while allegedly trying to smuggle drugs and cell phone SIM cards has escaped, media reports said Monday. The feline was detected by jail intelligence officials on Saturday at the high-security Welikada Prison. He said nearly two grams of heroin, two SIM cards and a memory chip were found in a small plastic bag tied around the cat's neck. But it escaped on Sunday from a prison room where it was kept, the *Aruna* newspaper said.

THAILAND

A Harry Potter-themed protest for democracy

Dozens of mostly young Thais wearing striped "Harry Potter" scarves rallied Monday against the government, vowing to "cast a spell" for democracy as the nascent movement grows increasingly bold in targeting the powerful elite. For more than two weeks, young Thais across the country have held near daily protests at universities and town halls to denounce the military-aligned government of PM Prayut Chan-O-Cha. Some have also waded into sensitive territory by holding up placards opposing Thailand's lese majeste law, one of the world's harshest. It shields the monarchy and its King Maha Vajiralongkorn from criticism, making open scrutiny of the monarch virtually impossible. But younger Thais have grown bolder in lock-step with their rising discontent of Prayut.

Data leak to *BBC* indicates cover-up in Iran's actual coronavirus figures

TEHRAN

THE actual number of Covid-19 deaths in Iran is three times the official count, *BBC* reported on Monday, based on an investigation by its Persian language arm.

Almost 42,000 people with Covid-19 symptoms died up to July 20, the UK broadcaster reported, citing the government's own records. This compares to the health ministry's toll of 14,405.

The *BBC* also said that Iran recorded its first Covid-19 death on Jan 22, but reported its first death officialy nearly a month later.

Since the beginning of the outbreak in the country, doubts have swirled over the coronavrius figures put by the government, and allegations of a cover-up were raised frequently.

TRUE TOLL

New records show that nearly 42,000 people died with Covid-19 symptoms as of July 20, according to the *BBC*

Data showed that the number of cases has also been under-reported

The *BBC* said the medical data that was the source for its number were sent to the broadcaster by an anonymous source.

Even official figures have shonw a marked increase in deaths and infections since the end of June.

Iran -- battling West Asia's deadliest outbreak -- on Sunday also reported its highest single-day infection count in nearly a month, warning that most of its provinces have been hit by a resurgence of the disease.

After a lull in deaths and infections from April to May, it now appears that the provinces first hit, including the holy city of Qom, are back in the same place as figures have been on the rise.

Worshippers pray during Arafat Day outside the mosque of Tehran University in Iran | AP

EXPRESS READ

N Ireland Nobel winner John Hume dies at 83

Tributes poured in Monday from across the political spectrum following the death of John Hume, who won the Nobel Peace Prize for his role in ending decades of deadly sectarian violence in Northern Ireland. The former leader of the mainly Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP) helped forge the 1998 Good Friday peace agreement in the British province after a conflict that left 3,500 people dead. The 83-year-old Hume, who had suffered with dementia in his later years, died on Monday after a short illness, his family said. Hume was a consistently moderate voice.

Manila back in lockdown after medics plead for a time out

MANILA

THE Philippine president has agreed to place the capital and outlying provinces back under a lockdown after medical groups warned that the country was waging "a losing battle" against the coronavirus amid an alarming surge in infections.

Presidential spokesman Harry Roque said Monday that Manila, the capital region of more than 12 million people, and five densely populated provinces will revert to stricter quarantine restrictions for two weeks starting Tuesday.

The move, which economic officials oppose, will again prohibit non-essential travel outside of homes.

Under the new restrictions, police checkpoints will return to ensure only authorized people, including medical personnel and workers in vital companies, venture out of their homes, Interior Secretary Eduardo Ano said.

Businesses in the capital and outlying regions comprise about 67% of the national economy.

Leaders of nearly 100 medical organisations held a rare online news conference Saturday and warned that the health system has been overwhelmed by infection spikes and may collapse as health workers fall ill or resign from exhaustion and fear. They asked the president to reimpose a tight lockdown in the capital to allow the government to give health workers "a time out". *AP*

Norwegian cruise ship MS Roald Amundsen is moored in Tromso on Monday. The ship often acts like a local ferry, traveling from port to port | AP

Possible new outbreak along Norway coast

COPENHAGEN

A Norwegian cruise ship line halted all trips and apologized Monday for procedural errors after a coronavirus outbreak on one ship infected at least 5 passengers and 36 crew members. Health authorities fear the ship also could have spread the virus to dozens of towns and villages along Norway's western coast.

The confirmed virus cases from the MS Roald Amundsen raise new questions about safety on all cruise ships during a pandemic even as the devastated cruise ship industry is pressing to resume sailings after chaotically shutting down in March.

The Hurtigruten cruise line was one of the first companies to resume sailing during the pandemic, starting cruises to Norway out of northern Germany in June with a single ship, then adding cruises in July to the Arctic archipelago of Svalbard.

The 41 people on the MS Roald Amundsen who tested positive have been admitted to the University Hospital of North Norway in Tromsoe, north of the Arctic Circle, where the ship currently is docked. The cruise line said it suspended the ship and two others - MS Fridtjof Nansen and MS Spitsbergen - from operating for an indefinite period.

Hurtigruten has contacted passengers who had been on the MS Roald Amundsen for its July 17-24 and July 25-31 trips from Bergen to of Svalbard, which is known for its polar bears. The ship had 209 guests on the first voyage and 178 guests on the second. All other crew members tested negative. *AP*

LEBANON ON EDGE OF AN 'EPIC' COLLAPSE

BEIRUT

POWER cuts that last up to 20 hours a day. Mountains of trash spilling into streets. Long lines at gas stations.

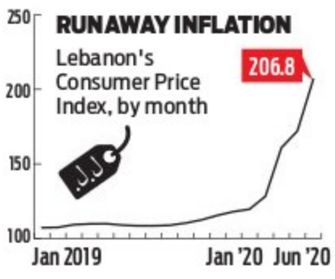
It may seem like a standard summer in Lebanon, a country used to wrestling with crumbling infrastructure as it vaults from one disaster to another.

Only this time, it's different, Every day brings darker signs Lebanon has rarely seen in past crises: Mass layoffs, hospitals threatened with closure, shuttered shops and restaurants, crimes driven by desperation, a military that can no longer afford to feed its soldiers meat and warehouses that sell expired poultry.

Lebanon is hurtling toward a tipping point at an alarming speed, driven by financial ruin, collapsing institutions, hyperinflation and rapidly rising poverty — with a pandemic on top of that. On Monday, the country's foreign minister resigned, warning that a lack of vision and a will to implement reforms risked turning Lebanon into a "failed state."

The collapse threatens to break a nation seen as a model of diversity and resilience in the Arab world and potentially open the door to chaos. Lebanese worry about a decline so steep it would forever alter the small Mediterranean country's identity and entrepreneurial spirit, unparalleled in the Middle East.

A gas station worker in Beirut gestures to indicate "no fuel" | AP



The current crisis is largely of Lebanon's own making; a culmination of decades of corruption and greed by a political class that pillaged nearly every sector of the economy.

For years, the country drifted along, miraculously avoiding collapse even as it accumulated one of the world's heaviest public debt burdens. The sectarian power-sharing system allotted top posts according to sect rather than qualifications, which in turn allowed politicians to survive by engaging in cronyism and patronage for their communities.

"One of the problems in Lebanon is that corruption has been democratized, it's not sitting centrally with one man. It's all over," says Marwan Muasher, vice president for studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

"Every sect has a sector of the economy that it controls and draws money from, so that it can keep their sect happy," he said in a talk organised by the Center for Global Policy.

Amid a shortage in foreign currency, the Lebanese pound has shed 80% of its value on the black market, and prices for basic food items and other goods have seen a meteoric rise. Savings have evaporated, plunging many into sudden poverty.

Lebanon's fall "represents an epic collapse with a generational impact," wrote Maha Yehia, director of the Carnegie Middle East Center. *AP*

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
667.29 ▼	Sensex	36,939.6	₹23 ▲	24 carat (1 gm)	₹5,397.6	₹750 ▲	Per kg	₹64,770	▼ Dollar		75.01
181.85 ▼	Nifty	10,891.6	₹23 ▲	22 carat (1 gm)	₹5,376	₹0.75 ▲	Per gm	₹64.77	▼ Euro		88.87

NCLT to decide on RCom assets

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE final fate of beleaguered former billionaire Anil Ambani's telecom venture—Reliance Communications (RCom)—will become clearer on Wednesday when the National Company law Tribunal (NCLT) is set to give its verdict on whether the proposed takeover of assets by two interested buyers can go ahead.

Among the two buyers is Anil's brother Mukesh Ambani's telecom and digital business powerhouse Reliance Jio, which is planning to take over RCom's mobile tower assets. The other bidder is asset resolution company UV Asset Resolution Co Ltd (UVARCL), which has proposed to buy Anil Ambani's actual telecom firm RCom and Reliance Telecom Infrastructure Ltd.

According to sources, the insolvency court will hear the resolution plan russled up for RCom's units on Wednesday and may give its go ahead for the same, especially since the plan has been approved by the majority of the company's lenders.

UVARCL is already set to take over yet another bankrupt telecom firm Aircel's assets, having received the NCLT's approval earlier. Once regulatory approvals are given, the company will acquire all of Aircel's assets.

As for RCom, tower company Reliance Infratel will go to Reliance Jio for a deal worth around ₹20,000-22,000 crore, which will be paid over a period of seven years.

The total assets of RCom and its units when it went bankrupt included airwaves in the 850 MHz band for 14 of the 22 telecom circles in India, around 43,000 telecom towers, fibre and data centres under Reliance Telecom.

RCom had an overall debt of ₹46,000 crore heading into insolvency, with a total of 53 financial creditors across local and foreign banks, NBFCs and funds. Operational creditors such as tower companies, equipment vendors and even the Department of Telecom have added to the claims of financial creditors, at over ₹21,000 crore worth verified.

Microsoft may acquire TikTok in key markets

Announcement on continuing talks comes after US President Trump indicates that he may ban the social media app

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

TECH giant Microsoft on Sunday announced that it is planning to acquire TikTok businesses in the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The statement comes after Trump indicated that he would sign an executive order banning TikTok in the US over data privacy concerns arising from the possibility of user data being stored outside the country. Microsoft, meanwhile said that the deal—which analysts peg at $50 billion—is expected to close no later than September 15, 2020.

Microsoft's interest in acquiring 100 per cent of these TikTok units follow Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella's recent discussions with Trump. "Microsoft fully appreciates the importance of addressing the President's concerns. It is committed to acquiring TikTok subject to a complete security review and providing proper economic benefits to the United States, including the United States Treasury," the company said in its Sunday statement.

The US is the third largest market for TikTok in terms of revenue, generating $86.5 million (19 per cent of total revenues), according to a report from market intelligence firm Sensor Tower. In terms of downloads, US was the third largest market, behind India and China at over 160 million.

Negotiation in progress

Microsoft and Bytedance earlier sent a notice of their intent to explore a potential purchase of TikTok in the US to a committee

Both Microsoft and TikTok parent company Bytedance had earlier sent a notice of their intent to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) to explore a potential purchase of Tik Tok in the US besides several other countries. Microsoft said it is also seeking investments from other American groups.

"The operating model for the service would be built to ensure transparency to users as well as appropriate security oversight by governments in these countries.

Among other measures, Microsoft would ensure that all private data of TikTok's American users is transferred to and remains in the United States. To the extent that any such data is currently stored or backed-up outside the United States, Microsoft would ensure that this data is deleted from servers outside the country after it is transferred," it added. TikTok however, continues to deny all allegations over privacy concerns.

Bank of India Q1 net profit rises over three-fold to ₹844 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

STATE-RUN Bank of India (BoI) on Monday disclosed its financial results for the quarter-ended June 30, showing a sharp over three-fold increase in its net profit year-on-year (y-o-y).

According to documents filed with the stock exchanges, the bank's net profit for the quarter grew to ₹844 crore compared to ₹242.60 crore in the April-June period of 2019-20. This was primarily driven by an improvement in the lender's asset quality, with non-performing asset (NPA) levels easing significantly, leading to lower provisions.

The bank's gross NPA level declined to 13.91 per cent of its gross advances as on June 30, 2020 as against 16.50 per cent recorded in the corresponding period of the previous year.

EARNINGS JUMP

247% increase in BoI's net profit recorded

₹844 cr net profit in Q1FY21 vs ₹242.6 crore a year ago

Similarly, net NPAs also declined to 3.58 per cent, from 5.79 per cent last year, the bank said. With the improvement in asset quality, the bank's provisioning requirements for the quarter declined to ₹766.62 crore from ₹1,873.28 crore.

The bank's total income during the period under review increased to ₹11,941.52 crore, from ₹11,526.95 crore in the year-ago period.

"The first quarter had a lot of positives for the bank. On the business front, we were positive, though mostly on account of deposit accretion," the bank's managing director and CEO A K Das told reporters adding that its " key ratios -- return on assets, credit costs and cost efficiency exhibited significant improvement".

BoI's net interest income (NII) remained flat at ₹3,481 crore against ₹3,485 crore in the corresponding quarter a year ago. Net interest margin (NIM) (global) stood at 2.48 per cent compared to 2.67 per cent. NIM (domestic) stood at 2.73 per cent as against 3.03 per cent in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. .

"NII was flat on account of muted loan growth and a lower interest regime that we had passed on to the customers. Accordingly, our NIM also declined," Das said.

1,52,474 units sold by Bajaj Auto in July 2020, against the 1,46,695 units sold in the month of June 2020

3,09,332 units sold by rival HMSI in July 2020, against 2,02,837 units sold in the month of June 2020

Bajaj Auto's July sales remain muted, rivals do better

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

PUNE-BASED automaker Bajaj Auto on Monday reported a 11 per cent year-on-year slump in domestic two-wheeler sales in July 2020, and recorded only a marginal increase in sales sequentially. Unlike its competitors such as Hero Motocorp, Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India and TVS Motor Company who recorded substantial improvement compared to the previous month.

Bajaj sold 1,52,474 units in July 2020, only slightly higher that the 1,46,695 units sold in June 2020. In July 2019, the company had sold 1,70,978 vehicles. Similarly, its two-wheeler exports registered a steep fall of 43 per cent to 86,082 units.

Bajaj Auto is India's largest exporter of two-wheelers and exports around 40 per cent of its total output. The sharp fall in exports brought down its total two-wheeler sales in July 2020 to 2,38,556 units as against 2,55,122 units sold in June 2020.

With India moving to Unlock 3.0, we are cautiously optimistic of the demand... the physical inventory level at our dealerships is less than a month's sales

YS Guleria, Director, Sales & Mktg, HMSI

Hit hard by the pandemic, India's automotive industry has started seeing signs of recovery in the past two months. Despite this pickup however, the industry still remains cautious. Many experts believe that the current pickup in activity can be attributed mainly to pent-up demand and a rising preference towards personal mobility. They also said that on-going regional lockdowns and rising number of coronavirus cases remain a big concern.

"With India moving to Unlock 3.0, we are cautiously optimistic of the demand... the physical inventory level at our dealerships is less than a month's sales," said YS Guleria, Director, Sales & Marketing at HMSI.

Honda's July 20 domestic dispatch stood at 3,09,332 units, a strong 53 per cent growth over June 2020. Hero Motorcorp registered a sequential growth of 14 per cent in July, while TVS registered a sales growth of 27 per cent at 252,744 units against 198,387 units in June 2020.

MONETISATION

GMR planning to divest assets in non-core areas, realty

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

GMR Infrastructure is currently planning on divesting some of its non-core assets in an effort to gain significant value, especially through the sale of at least 50 per cent of its real estate assets, according to the company's recent investor presentation.

The firm even said that its land at strategic industrial locations will benefit from the possible manufacturing dislocation from China.

"The plan is to divest large part of other assets identified as non-core divestment initiative," the presentation said, adding that GMR has 10,500 acres of port and industrial land.

As for the company's its Kakinada Special Investment Region (SIR) in Andhra Pradesh, it said that discussions were going on with several clients for the monetisation of the land.

"The Government of Andhra Pradesh signed MoUs with Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd to set up a refinery cum petrochem project in 2,500 acres and with HPCL-GAIL consortium for Petrochem complex in 2,000 acres land," it said. In additiona, another pact has been inked with a stainless steel manufacturer for 500 acres and an Australian Lithium Refinery for 100 acres.

The port-based Kakinada SIR in the Krishna-Godavari basin has plans for an all weather multi-purpose deepwater port, a logistics park, a petrochemicals cluster and an eco-industrial park, it said. According to the firm, 4,650 acres there have been notified as SEZs and utility and environment approvals are already are in place.

In Kakinada SEZ in Andhra Pradesh, however, the company has continued its efforts for various government approvals and technical studies it said, with demand for industrial parks expected to revive soon.

EXPRESS READ

Moody's upgrades Yes Bank by a notch following capital raise

New Delhi: Moody's Investors Service on Monday said it has upgraded Yes Bank's long-term foreign currency issuer rating by a notch to 'B3' from 'Caa1' after a ₹15,000-crore capital raising. Despite the upgrade, Obligations rated 'B' are considered speculative and are subject to high credit risk. Caa are judged to be speculative of poor standing and are subject to very high credit risk.

Share of external financing of fiscal deficit soars to 4.5% in Q1: Report

New Delhi: The share of external financing has jumped to 4.5 per cent in Q1 FY21 from 1.6 per cent in the same quarter last fiscal, which in terms of the quantum has skyrocketed by 325 per cent Y-o-Y, says Care Ratings report. The government has already hit 83 per cent of its borrowing target as of June, due to the impact of the pandemic that crippled the economy, the report noted.

PMO tells finmin to look at options to pay GST compensation to states

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CONFIRMING the development, a senior finance ministry official told TNIE, "There is a lot of confusion and misinformation going on."

The PMO sought to know from the finance ministry the current financial situation in terms of revenue collection and what the ministry is doing to boost GST collection. It also wanted to know in the event of a shortfall, what options the government is going to propose in the GST Council, the sources said.

The confusion began last month when the revenue secretary told a Parliamentary panel meeting that the Centre may not be able to pay states in the near future. Sources said the PMO was not very happy with this response.

More recently, Attorney General K K Venugopal reportedly gave his legal opinion that the Centre has no obligation to pay the GST compensation shortfall to states and that it is up to the GST Council to find ways to make good the shortfall in compensation fund.

The AG's comments triggered outrage among not only Opposition-ruled states such as Kerala, Punjab, West Bengal but also BJP-ruled Gujarat, Haryana and Bihar. Kerala Finance Minister Thomas Issac threatened to move the Supreme Court if the Centre goes back on disbursing GST compensation.

Sources said the PMO decided to step in after Bihar Deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi requested PM Narendra Modi to intervene.

Under the GST law, states are guaranteed to be compensated bimonthly for any loss of revenue in the first five years of the GST implementation from July 1, 2017.

AEPC urges Centre to ease ECLGS norms

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) has urged the government to increase the limit of outstanding dues for eligible MSMEs under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) to ₹100 crore. AEPC chairman A Sakthivel said that such a move would extend financial support to the export sector, which has been badly affected by the pandemic.

Sakthivel thanked the government for providing earlier relief by increasing the outstanding loan limit from ₹25 crore to ₹50 crore and other measures, but said that another revision of the liability limit will benefit many exporters and the sector at large. "While more than half of the targeted additional funding is yet to be sanctioned, there are many medium scale industrialists who are bereft of the special financial assistance," said Sakthivel.

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Business & Beyond

LIC of India records 25.2% growth in first year premiums in March 2020

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC of India), India's largest life insurer, has recorded a good business performance during the year ended March 2020. Its first year premiums rose 25.17 per cent, recording the highest-ever figure of ₹1,77,977.07 crore. Pension & Group Superannuation Business created history, crossing one lakh crore and LIC collected ₹1,26,696.21 crore as New Business Premium Income.

Paradip Port Trust sets up Covid Care Center at Port Club

With the number of Covid-19 cases continuing to grow, Paradip Port Trust has established a 50-bed Covid Care Center at the its Port Club for its employees. Rinkesh Roy, Chairman, PPT said during the launch that the trust will put in all its efforts to to fight the pandemic. The state government has asked all corporate firms in the state of Odisha to set up their own respective Covid care centers.

UCO Bank back in black, Q1 net profit at ₹21.46 cr

UCO Bank has made net profit of ₹21.46 crore during the quarter ended June 2020 as against a net loss of ₹601.45 crore in the quarter ended June 2019. The operating profit of the bank for the quarter stood at ₹1,223.37 crore as against ₹1,201.44 crore for the quarter ended June 2019, a growth of 1.82 per cent. This operating profit for the quarter is the highest recorded in the last 21 quarters. Meanwhile, net interest income of the bank increased to ₹1,266.78 crore from ₹1,254.51 crore for the quarter ended March 2020 registering a growth of 0.98 per cent.

Dinesh Kumar Batra takes charge as Director (Finance), BEL

Dinesh Kumar Batra assumed charge as Director (Finance) of Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) on August 1, 2020. Batra is an alumnus of Harcourt Butler Technical University (HBTU), Kanpur, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Delhi, and Management Development Institute, Gurgaon. He joined BEL at its Ghaziabad Unit in 1984 and in a career spanning over three and half decades, served the company in various capacities across Ghaziabad, Delhi, Pune and Bengaluru. Prior to his elevation as Director (Finance), he headed Internal Audit at BEL's Corporate Office, Regional Office-Delhi and the Pune Unit.

Chandan Kumar Mondol takes charge as Director (Commercial) at NTPC

Chandan Kumar Mondol assumed his new role as Director (Commercial) at NTPC Ltd with effect from August 1, 2020. Mondol has been with NTPC for over 35 years and has held several key leadership positions across multiple business units. He joined NTPC as an Executive Trainee (ET) in 1984 and has vast experience in the power sector, having worked in both power plant and corporate functions.

IndianOil Board gives go-ahead for ₹13,805 crore integrated PX-PTA complex at Paradip

The IndianOil Board has given its go-ahead for the implementation of an Integrated Para-Xylene (PX) and Purified Terephthalic Acid (PTA) complex project at Paradip, Odisha, at an estimated investment of ₹13,805 crore at its latest Board meeting.The PX-PTA complex shall be integrated with IndianOil's Paradip Refinery, which has been operational since 2015. SM Vaidya, Chairman, IndianOil, said, "This plant, along with the upcoming MEG (Mono-Ethylene Glycol) plant of 357-KTA (kilo tonnes per annum) capacity at Paradip, would be a ready source of feedstock for IndianOil's upcoming 300-KTA textile yarn manufacturing project at Bhadrak in Odisha.

Wolfsburg's Mbabu tests positive for Covid-19

Wolfsburg defender Kevin Mbabu will miss his team's Europa League last-16 game against Shakhtar Donetsk after he tested positive for the coronavirus last month, the club said on Monday. Wolfsburg coach Oliver Glasner said the Switzerland defender would 'definitely' not travel with the team to the Ukrainian capital Kyiv to play Shakhtar on Wednesday.

Ranji zonal format unlikely in 2020-21

ATREYO MUKHOPADHYAY @ Chennai

IN the restructuring of domestic cricket, Ranji Trophy, boys' U-19 Cooch Behar Trophy and the senior women's one-day championship are likely to be held on an all-India basis instead of zonal. There will be groups with fewer teams than last season and the practice of home and away matches is likely to be done away with. This proposal will come up for confirmation in an online special general meeting (SGM) of the BCCI in a few days.

Date of the SGM is still to be finalised, but the board has started collecting details of state association officials to be in attendance. The BCCI has gone online to conduct Apex Council and IPL Governing Council meetings. The SGM will be the first meeting of a bigger scale to take this route. Discussing and finalising the domestic format will be on agenda.

There were talks that tournaments will be held on zonal basis, instead of having groups of nine or 10 teams, to reduce the number of matches. But, according to a fresh proposal, the three tournaments mentioned will follow the existing format. Groups will not be as big as they used to be. There are plans to have six to eight teams in a group, with league matches of one group scheduled in one or two cities to minimise travel.

If the SGM approves this format, the board will look for venues with multiple grounds so that at least four teams can play all their matches in one city. New Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai and Thiruvananthapuram and some other cities have more than one grounds. These places can be chosen as hosts, since the system of playing at home and away will have to be discarded.

All other meets — boys' and girls' U-16, girls' U-19, men's and women's U-23 — will be played on a zonal basis.

PLAYING CONDITIONS

To ensure safe resumption of cricketing activities, BCCI has issued guidelines prepared by its medical team. All state associations have to adhere to these to resume camps and activities. Approvals must also be sought from local administration and health authorities. Here's a look at the standard operating procedures (SOP)...

PRE-ACTIVITY PREPARATIONS

1. Appointment of chief medical officer (CMO), who with the medical staff, will ensure implementation of SOP.
2. Medical team should acquire travel & medical history (past 2 weeks) of all players and staff through online questionnaires.
3. Any player and staff suspected to have Covid-19 like symptoms should undergo PCR tests. Two tests one day apart (Day 1 & Day 3) should be done to account for false negatives. If both results are negative, only then they should be included in the camp.
4. Players and staff must download & install Aarogya Setu app for contact tracing, protection and prevention.
5. Players and staff must agree to participate in the camp by signing a consent form.
6. Individuals over 60 years of age, like support staff, umpires, ground staff and those with underlying medical conditions such as diabetes, lung disease, weakened immunity, etc should be discouraged from participating in the activities.
7. A webinar before commencement and in-person education workshop on Day 1 of the camp must be conducted by the CMO.

SOP FOR TRAINING

- Players and support staff should be tested for symptoms and body temperature should be checked every morning.
- All individual and team kit bags should be sanitised upon arrival and after every use.
- Cricket balls should be sanitised as per directives from BCCI.
- Everyone should arrive dressed and ready to train to minimise the use of dressing room, washrooms and communal areas.
- Use of washrooms and dressing rooms for post-training activities should be minimised with a "arrive, train, depart" policy.
- Spitting and clearing of nasal/respiratory secretions on the ground or at any place other than washrooms shall be prohibited.
- Saliva should not be used on cricket balls.
- All members should avoid stepping out of the team environment or meet anyone outside the team environment for the entire duration of the camp.

DON'TS

PLAYERS

- Share personal equipment or utility like waterbottle, towel etc
- Engage in physical contact like handshake, high-five, hugs etc
- Socialize before or after training with other players/staff
- Touch face or mouth while handling shared equipment

PHYSIOS

- Touch eye, nose or mouth of athlete
- Allow more than one athlete in treatment room
- Allow congregation of players in therapy room

COACHES AND SUPPORT STAFF

- Allow physical contact of any form during training
- Socialize before or after training with players/other staff

NCA TASK FORCE

National Cricket Academy chief Rahul Dravid is likely to be head the BCCI task force to look after resumption activities. The task force will also have a medical officer, a hygiene officer and BCCI AGM, Cricket Operations. Their responsibilities will include communicating regularly with players, explaining measures being taken to manage risk.

HANDLING AGE OLD ISSUES

To counter the menace of age and domicile fraud, BCCI has adopted additional measures. It will be applicable to players in age-group tournaments from 2020-21 season onwards...

Under Voluntary Disclosure Scheme, players will not be suspended and allowed to participate if they declare age-fudging. They have to submit a signed letter/email with supporting documents revealing their DOB to BCCI age verification department before Sept 15. Two-year ban for those who submitted fake proof of DOB.

For U-16, only players aged between 14 and 16 will be permitted. In U-19, if a player's birth is found to be registered more than two years after birth, there will be restrictions on the number of years he/she is allowed to participate

DELAY DEPARTURE, BCCI TELLS FRANCHISES

Since eight teams are trying to book three available facilities in the UAE, board steps in to give all equal opportunity

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

SOME of the franchises including Chennai Super Kings, who were planning to reach the United Arab Emirates early to start preparations, have been asked to delay their departure. It is understood that the BCCI is taking note of the rush to book training facilities at the three venues. It has told the Emirates Cricket Board (ECB) not to commit to any franchise.

Ever since the BCCI confirmed UAE as venue for this year's Indian Premier League, franchises began their groundwork. Chennai Super Kings, for instance, were planning to reach by August 10 to give their players time to prepare as most of their top players are on the wrong side of 30s and without international game time for more than a year. Even Mumbai Indians and Kolkata Knight Riders are understood to have explored the possibility of reaching early to wear off the rustiness.

But the ECB has brought it to the notice of BCCI that franchises have been trying to book the facilities, as there are only three stadiums available. Hence, the BCCI had to step in and put in a new diktat so that all the franchises get adequate time to make use of the facilities.

There are indications that the franchises will be allowed to use the facilities from August 27, with a roster to be made accordingly. Facilities in Sharjah are understood to be not as good as in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. BCCI plans to rotate venues if franchises have an issue with it.

Test every five days

Meanwhile, the standard operating procedures (SOP) which is yet to be circulated to the franchises, will also include a time table of how frequently players have to undergo Covid-19 tests. While it is mandatory for them to carry negative reports before they board the flight, upon arrival they would be subjected to one test.

There would be one on the third day and another on the sixth. Only then will players be allowed to enter the bio-secure bubble, from which they cannot step out under any circumstances. Then on, there would be a test every five days. Franchises can take more tests if they intend to.

With regards to franchise officials, BCCI is planning to keep them away from the players' bio-secure bubble and they won't be allowed to come in close contact with the players. It is possible that franchise officials above 60 will be told not to travel to UAE. Similar guidelines are likely for support staff too.

India pull out of women's world squash

SRINIDHI PR @ Chennai

INDIA on Monday withdrew from Women's World Team Squash Championship scheduled from December 15 to 20 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Considering that the deadline for submitting entries is August 15, the Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) had requested the World Squash Federation (WSF) for an extension of the date due to the pandemic. With the request being denied from WSF, the Indian squash body decided to pull out of the tournament, citing "uncertainties regarding guidelines for the safe travel of our athletes and staff, coupled with lack of preparation time and match readiness of athletes."

SRFI's secretary-general, Cyrus Poncha, reiterated that safety and security of the players and staff are of utmost priority. "I spoke with the top players. It was their view that at this point of time we cannot commit to participation in the event. For us also, not knowing what is in store in the next month or two, we felt that it's best that we don't participate in the event if it happens."

Asian junior event called off

The Asian Junior Individual Championships in Qingdao, China, has been cancelled by the Asian Squash Federation due to the pandemic. The event slated to begin on June 29 and was then postponed to December.

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PRESS NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
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- **Amount put to Tender - Rs. 17,07,220/-**
- **Bid Security Amount - Rs. 45,000/-**
- **Last date for submission of Bid - 31.08.2020 upto 4.00 PM**

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A baby elephant died several weeks after it was born at the St Louis Zoo. Zoo officials said the Asian elephant calf named Avi was euthanised on Sunday because he had developmental problems that limited his ability to feed.

Twitter has started working towards its paid subscription service that will provide users options like "Undo Send" button (like an edit button) and ability to tweet longer and high-quality videos, among other features.

ERUPTIONS, NOT METEORS, THAT COOLED EARTH

It was earlier believed extraterrestrial impact may have dropped our planet's temp by 3ºC

SEDIMENT RECORD

NEW YORK: Analysis of sediment found in a central Texas cave in the United States shows volcanic eruptions responsible for the cooling of the Earth around 13,000 years ago, say researchers.

Some researchers believed the event — which cooled the Earth by about 3 degrees Centigrade, a huge amount — was caused by an extraterrestrial impact with the Earth, such as a meteor collision. But the current study, published in the journal *Science Advances*, shows the evidence left in layers of sediment in Hall's Cave was almost certainly the result of volcanic eruptions.

According to the research team, Hall's Cave, located in the Texas hill country, has a sediment record extending over 20,000 years and they first began researching the cave in 2017.

"One big question was, did an extraterrestrial impact occur near the end of the last ice age, about 13,000 years ago as the ice sheets covering Canada were melting, and cause an abrupt cooling that thrust the northern hemisphere back into the ice age for an extra 1,200 years?" said study researcher Michael Waters from the Texas A&M University in the US.

The research team took every avenue they could to come up with an alternative explanation, or even avoid this conclusion.

A volcanic eruption had been considered one possible explanation but was generally dismissed because there was no associated geochemical fingerprint, the researchers said.

After a volcano erupts, the global spread of aerosols reflects incoming solar radiation away from Earth and may lead to global cooling post-eruption for one to five years, depending on the size and timescales of the eruption, they added.

"The Younger Dryas, which occurred about 13,000 years ago, disrupted distinct warming at the end of the last ice age," the study authors wrote.

The Earth's climate may have been at a tipping point at the end of the Younger Dryas, possibly from the ice sheet discharge into the North Atlantic Ocean, enhanced snow cover and powerful volcanic eruptions that may have in combination led to intense Northern Hemisphere cooling.

The team completed the isotopic analysis of sediments collected from Hall's Cave.

They found that elements such as iridium, ruthenium, platinum, palladium and rhenium were not present in the correct proportions, meaning that a meteor or asteroid could not have caused the event.

The isotope analysis and the relative proportion of the elements matched those that were found in previous volcanic gases

Study

EXFILE

Wildfire strikes Southern California

More than 2,200 firefighters were battling a blaze that was burning out of control on Monday in southern California, threatening thousands of people and homes east of Los Angeles. We take a look

LOS ANGELES ON FIRE

Evacuation orders remained in place for thousands of people after a wildfire in mountains east of Los Angeles exploded in size and forced crews to battle flames in triple-digit heat. The Friday outbreak in Riverside County has been dubbed 'Apple Fire'

HUMAN HAND BEHIND FIRE?

Officials said the fire may have been set deliberately and a probe is underway

2,600 HOMES

and nearly **7,800 people** were evacuated

It is not clear when they might be able to return, said fire officials

20,000 ACRES

of land has been burned that started on Friday near the city of San Bernardino, sending up columns of smoke visible for kilometres

5 PER CENT

of the fire was contained by crews by Monday, after losing control of the blaze during Sunday afternoon

REASONS

1. Record low moisture in the vegetation
2. Low humidity recorded in the air
3. High temperatures witnessed in the area

ALLOWED TO BURN

Officials allowed flames to run up the side of Mount San Gorgonio, an 11,000-foot peak

This was done because it wasn't safe to let crews work in such steep, rugged terrain

We don't want to put firefighters in a dangerous situation. It's burning in a straight line up a mountain

Lisa Cox, spokeswoman for the US Forest Service

AIR SUPPORT

2,260

firefighters backed by helicopters, water-dumping planes and trucks were working to put out the fire

NO CASUALTIES

There were no reports of casualties, and the only damage so far has been to two buildings and one home. The edges of the fire are burning on rugged hills hard for crews to reach, authorities said

OTHER PARTS OF CALIFORNIA

To the north, the Pond Fire in San Luis Obispo County was 10% contained on Sunday after burning more than 6 sq kms of vegetation

EVACUATION

Evacuation orders and advisories were issued for about 8,000 people in mountain, canyon and foothill neighbourhoods. Campgrounds and hiking trails were closed in the San Gorgonio Wilderness area of the San Bernardino National Forest

TEMPERATURES TO RISE

43ºC

The mercury hit 43ºC on Sunday in nearby Palm Springs

The National Weather Service said "dangerously hot conditions" were expected to continue because of high pressure over much of Southern California

A pyrocumulus ash plume towers over a billboard in Banning, California during the Apple fire on August 1 | AP

Russia pushes for mass production of Covid vaccine

AMBITIOUS PLAN

MOSCOW: Russia on Monday said it aims to launch mass production of a coronavirus vaccine next month and turn out "several million" doses per month by next year.

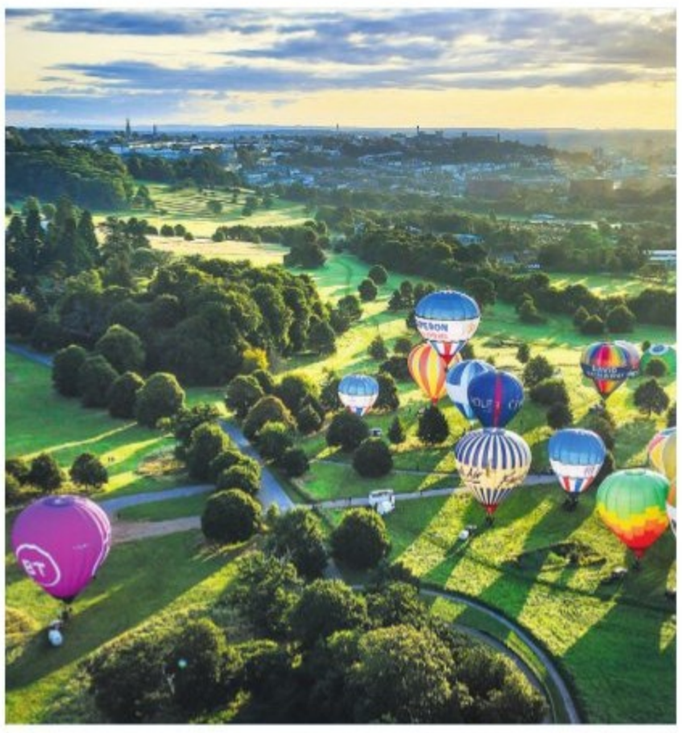
The country is pushing ahead with several vaccine prototypes and one trialled by the Gamaleya institute in Moscow has reached advanced stages of development and is about to pass state registration, officials said.

"We are very much counting on starting mass production in September," Industry Minister Denis Manturov said in an interview published by state news agency *TASS*.

"We will be able to ensure production volumes of several hundred thousand a month, with an eventual increase to several million by the start of next year," he said, adding that one developer is preparing production technology at three locations in central Russia.

Another vaccine, developed by Siberia-based Vektor lab, is currently undergoing clinical trials and two more will begin human testing within the next two months, Health Minister Mikhail Murashko said on Saturday.

Gamaleya's vaccine is a so-called viral vector vaccine, meaning it employs another virus to carry the DNA encoding the needed immune response into cells. Gamaleya's vaccine is based on the adenovirus, a similar technology to the coronavirus vaccine prototype developed by China's CanSino, currently in the advanced stage of clinical trials.



FLY WITHOUT WINGS

Hot air balloons fly over Bristol as part of a mass ascent, with 43 balloon teams taking part, for a Fiesta Flypast over the city as part of the socially distanced alternative to the Bristol International Balloon Fiesta on Monday | AP

Age-related eye disorder tied to Covid-19 severity

NEW FINDINGS

WASHINGTON: People with age-related macular degeneration 'an eye disorder caused by overactive immune system' — are at greater risk of developing severe complications and dying from Covid-19, according to a study.

Complement, one of the immune system's oldest branches may be influencing the severity of Covid-19 disease, said the researchers at Columbia University in the US.

The findings, published in the journal *Nature Medicine*, suggest that existing drugs that inhibit the complement system could help treat patients with severe disease. The researchers also found evidence that clotting activity is linked to Covid-19 severity and that mutations in certain complement and coagulation genes are associated with hospitalisation of Covid patients.

"Together these results provide important insights into the pathophysiology of Covid-19 and paint a picture for the role of complement and coagulation pathways in determining clinical outcomes of patients infected with SARS-CoV-2," said Sagi Shapira, who led the study with Nicholas Tatonetti, both professors at Columbia University.

If complement and coagulation influence severity of Covid-19, people with pre-existing hyperactive complement or coagulation disorders should be more susceptible to the virus, the researchers said.

That led researchers to look at Covid-19 patients with macular degeneration, an eye disease caused by overactive complement, as well as common coagulation disorders like thrombosis and hemorrhage.

Among 11,000 patients who came to Columbia University Irving Medical Center with suspected Covid-19, the researchers found that over 25 per cent of those with age-related macular degeneration died, compared to the average mortality rate of 8.5 per cent, and roughly 20 per cent required intubation.

Hit by whale, Oz tourist in hospital

FISHY WATERS

SYDNEY: A tourist snorkelling off Australia's pristine northwest coast was airlifted to hospital in a serious condition after being struck by a whale, medics said on Monday. The victim was exploring near the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef in the Indian Ocean when she was struck by the tail of one of the giant creatures. St John Ambulance service told *AFP* they transferred the woman to a remote airport for evacuation. She was said to be in a "serious but stable condition," after a "crush from being hit by a whale's tail," a spokesperson said.

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PREDATORS IN DANGER

Panda conservation failed to protect carnivores: Study

FAILED EFFORTS?

PARIS: It may be one of the most recognisable symbols of conservation, but efforts to protect the giant panda have failed to safeguard large mammals sharing its habitats, according to a study published on Monday showing dramatic declines of leopards and other predators.

The giant panda has won the hearts of animal lovers around the world and images of the bamboo-eating creature with its inkblot eye patches have come to represent global efforts to protect biodiversity.

Since conservation efforts began, China has cracked down on poachers, outlawed the trade in panda hides and mapped out dozens of protected habitats.

The strategy is considered one of the most ambitious and high-profile programmes to save a species from extinction — and it worked.

The panda was removed from the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) endangered species list in 2016 although it remains "vulnerable". But a new study published on Monday in the journal *Nature Ecology and Evolution* has cast doubt over the idea that efforts to protect the panda automatically help all other animals in its territory.

Researchers found that the leopard, snow leopard, wolf and dhole — also known as the Asian wild dog — have almost disappeared from the majority of giant panda protected habitats since the 1960s.

The findings "indicate the insufficiency of giant panda conservation for protecting these large carnivore species," said Sheng Li, of the School of Life Sciences at Peking University, who led the research.

The authors compared survey data from the 1950s to 1970s with information from almost 8,000 camera traps taken between 2008 and 2018.

They found that leopards had disappeared from 81 per cent of giant panda reserves, snow leopards from 38 per cent, wolves from 77 per cent and dholes from 95 per cent.

The predators face threats from poachers, logging and disease, the study found. The authors said a key challenge was that while pandas may have a home range of up to 13 square kilometres, the four carnivores can roam across an area exceeding 100 square kilometres.

Li called for future conservation to see beyond a single species, or animals with "enormous charisma", to focus on broader restoration of natural habitats.

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DAY'S DIARY

Spacecraft launched

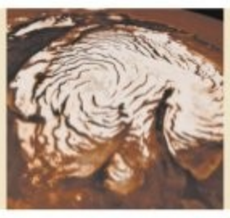
On this day in 2007, NASA launched the Phoenix spacecraft to determine whether Mars could have supported life once upon a time

ON MARS

Having landed on Mars on May 25, 2008, Phoenix studied the Martian soil using a scientific device, a conductivity probe, a microscope, and cameras

CHECKING FOR LIFE

In its three-month mission, Phoenix checked samples of soil and ice for evidence about whether the site was ever hospitable to life



FINDING WATER

NASA officially announced that based on an analysis of a sample collected by the lander there is water on Mars. On November 10, 2008, NASA announced the lander had finished its work on the Red Planet

Chiru will be my guiding force: Dhruva Sarja

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'WILD DREAMS & NEW CHAPTERS'

While her brother Danish Sait shot to fame with his videos during the lockdown, *Sacred Games* actor Kubbra Sait is half way through a book in which she shares lessons from her life

Vidya Iyengar

With the threat of coronavirus looming large in February, actor-anchor-speaker Kubbra Sait found herself returning to Mumbai, even though she was midway through a shoot in Ireland. For the next two weeks upon her return, Sait slept for 12 hours a day, getting all the rest she hadn't got in the last couple of years. "That was a halt that I really needed. I asked myself a lot of questions about who I am as a person and my responsibilities," says Sait who shot to fame with the webseries, *Sacred Games*.

> **I've heard so many negative things, like anchors can't turn actors, or curly-haired people don't make it in this business, and even that my hairline is too thick**
> — Kubbra Sait, actor

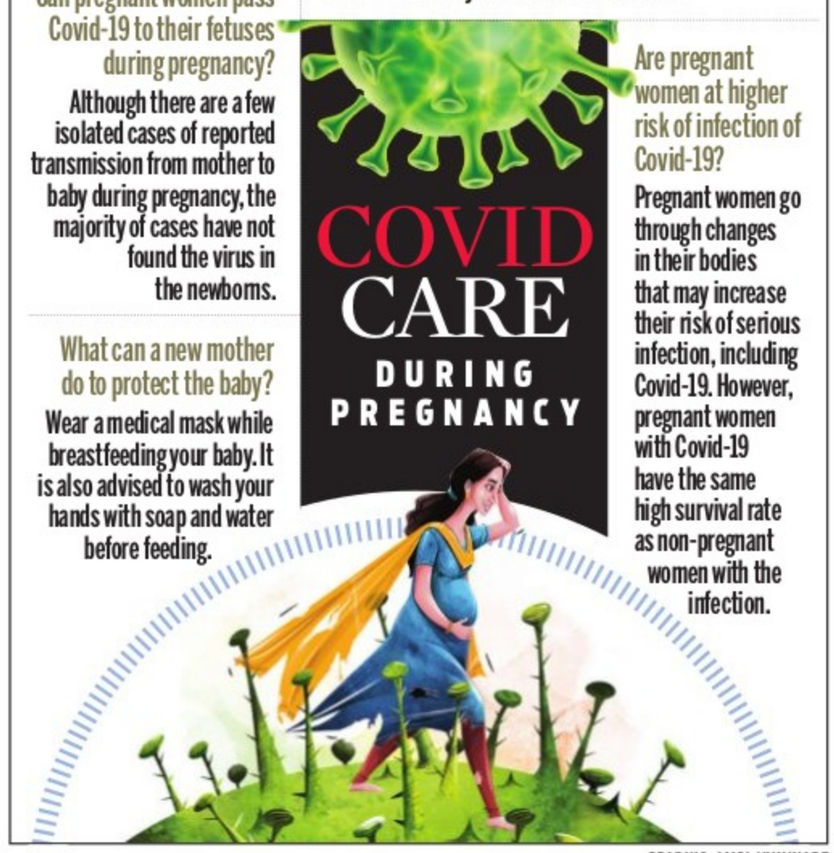
While that's one side of the story, she also had concerns about income, rentals and her brother – comedian-actor Danish Sait – and even considered moving back to Bengaluru. But luckily for her, none of those worries lasted too long. With work flowing in, keeping her in a "comfortable" position, and Danish's creative videos of fictional characters going viral, Sait is, in fact, rejoicing this and more. She has just signed a deal with HarperCollins, and is in the midst of writing her debut book.

"In April, I reached out to Jacaranda Literary Agency, wanting to be a ghost writer for a book, the subject of which I thought I'd figure out later. They immediately shot down the idea of me being a ghost writer and instead, suggested that I write a book of my own," she says. Before she knew it, she was sending writing samples – of her childhood, relationship with mum, Danish and her cats – and signing the contract. "I'm already done with half the book, which is going to be a memoir with snippets from my journey and learnings," she reveals. The book is likely to be released in the first quarter of 2021. "My wildest dreams are coming true in this lockdown. I didn't know that someone would make my dream of wanting to be an author real," says the 37-year-old actor, who also worked on a series, which will be out on OTT, and shot it from home.

In the middle of the writing process, Sait who sometimes writes 6,000 words and sometimes none at all, finds herself to be a better speaker than writer. "I've learnt to think on my feet as an anchor, and I find writing to be so different. I want to enjoy the process. I neither want to be overly-critical nor pressurise myself," she says, adding that naysayers are aplenty, critiquing every trait and move.

"I've heard so many negative things, like anchors can't turn actors, or curly-haired people don't make it in this business, and even that my hairline is too thick. There are always people who tell you, 'If you change that one little aspect, you will make a killing in the business. But no one ever says take a course and learn the craft," she says.

Although 2020 marks 10 years of Sait's move to Mumbai, she admits that she doesn't consider it home. "For me, Bombay is an office space. But then, I don't have one single city that I would call home," says Sait. Starring in *Sacred Games* has definitely been the life-altering episode of the decade. "It began a new chapter," Sait says, hoping that her book will do too.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AKKI ROTI

INGREDIENTS

- **Rice flour:** 1 cup
- **Onion:** 1, chopped finely
- **Carrot:** 1, grated
- **Green chilli:** 1
- **Ginger:** 1 small piece
- **Grated coconut:** 1 cup
- **Cumin seeds:** 1/4 tsp
- Salt to taste

METHOD

- Take all the ingredients in a bowl and mix well to a dough consistency by adding required amount of water.
- Prepare small balls and flatten each one using your hand on a greased sheet of paper.
- Heat a tawa and smear little oil. Place the rotis and cook well on both sides.
- Serve with coconut chutney.

– by Anu Rajagopal, Chennai

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

DOTS & DESIGNS

FLOWER RANGOLI

- First draw the center flower in freehand style.
- Draw one more round of petals and colour them.
- For the next round, draw straight lines of equal length all around the pink round.
- Next draw petals from those lines.
- Colour the petals with double shade which gives a 3D effect.
- Then draw straight lines joining the edges of the purple petals to form an octagon-like structure.

- Keep two dots on each side of the octagon.
- Extend the line on each side to the first dot on the adjacent side.
- Draw lines parallel to the first line.
- Now, join the parallel lines to form two interlocked square frame-like structure.
- Colour each square frame with two different shades.
- Fill the blank space in the center with yellow lines.
- Finally, place dots all around the frame to give an elegant look.

– by Thilagalakshmi Sridharan

BRIGHT SPOT

BRIDGING THE GAP

The Chakma tribals in Namsai district of Arunachal Pradesh were cut off from the rest of the state when the bridge over the Bereng river was washed away in the 2004 floods. But they had no choice but to cross the river because it is the only convenient and time-saving route to Gunanagar. For a long time, they expected the government to build a bridge but in vain. Finally, they decided to undertake the construction of a bridge. They formed a Construction Committee for a detailed plan of action. It was led by the Chakma Youth Welfare Association (CYWA). The Chakma community also received a donation of ₹51,000 from the Khampti brethren. The committee started working relentlessly in early March 2020, but the lockdown slowed the process. With reduced workers and social distancing measures, a 154-ft-long wooden bridge was constructed by the end of May. Their total expenditure stood at ₹4.85 lakh. The villagers contributed as per their financial capacities and succeeded in regaining their lifeline.

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FIT BIT

BITILASANA

(COW POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'bitila' means 'cow' and 'asana' means 'pose'. This pose is generally practised along with Marjaryasana (Cat pose). It is a beginner's pose that can be performed by anyone. Marjaryasana is performed on inhale whereas Bitilasana is performed on exhale. It works on the spine and core. It also stimulates the Anahata (heart) chakra, promoting love and trust. This chakra is responsible for energy flow and blood circulation.

STEPS

- Kneel down and get on all four limbs in a table top position.
- Make sure that the knees are placed right under the hips and the wrists in line with the shoulders.
- Let the hand hang in a neutral position. Gaze at the ground.
- Inhale and lift the buttocks upwards as you open the chest. Let the abdomen sink towards the floor. Lift the head and then either look towards the roof or forward.
- Hold this position for a few seconds. Now breathe out and then return to the tabletop pose.
- The respective counter movement is to exhale and then drop the chin to the chest as you bring the back up and relax the buttocks.
- Do this movement and the counter-movement about 4 to 6 times.
- Beginners should protect the neck when you get into this posture. Broaden the shoulder blades and then pull them down so that they move away from the ears.

BENEFITS

- Stretches your chest and neck.
- Strengthens your lower and upper back.
- Stretches your abdominal area.
- Increases the flexibility of your spine.
- Gently massages the internal organs.
- Helps stretch your neck and the front part of your torso.
- Helps increase the blood circulation throughout your body.
- Tones and relieves the stress from your spine.
- Best for back pain and sciatica.
- Relaxes the mind, aids in achieving emotional balance, promotes mind-body coordination and sharpens the practitioner's focus.

LIMITATIONS

- Those with a sensitive neck should not extend the neck far back.
- Look forward avoiding the strain and also make sure that the shoulders are away from the ears.
- People suffering from a neck injury can practise under the supervision of a yoga expert.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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Ravi, an attendant, has a falls in love with Gowri, daughter of the owner of his company. A set of events leads to him being jailed over a narcotic case. But he manages to flee with Gowri's help.

- Cast: Vikky Varun, Manvitha Harish

MUNGARU MALE 2

Preetham, son of Suryakanth, a millionaire, easily gets bored when it comes to relationships. He understands love after he meets Nandini.

- Cast: Ganesh, Neha Shetty, V. Ravichandran

BHUJANGA

A person starts stealing to feed his family but things change when he falls in love with Rachana, a young college student, whom he comes across while stealing.

- Cast: Prajwal Devaraj, Meghana Raj

YEJAMAN

Vaanavaryan, the much-loved leader of a village, invites his rival Vallavarayan's wrath when he marries Vaitheeswari, the woman he loves. To take revenge, Vallavarayan resorts to drastic measures.

Cast: Rajnikanth, Napoleon, Meena

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 BUILDING THE SEED CATHEDRAL BY THOMAS HEATHERWICK

Architect Thomas Heatherwick shows five recent projects featuring ingenious bio-inspired designs. Some are remakes of the ordinary: a bus, a bridge, a power station and one is an extraordinary pavilion, the Seed Cathedral, a celebration of growth and light.

2 SHAKESPEAREAN DATING TIPS BY ANTHONY JOHN PETERS

William Shakespeare, especially had a way with the romantic turn of phrase. Anthony John Peters explains why Shakespeare's coy use of metaphor was so effective – and may just help you get a date today.

3 WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO THE LIBRARY OF ALEXANDRIA? BY ELIZABETH COX

In its prime, the Library of Alexandria housed an unprecedented number of scrolls and attracted some of the Greek world's greatest minds. But by the end of the 5th century CE, it had vanished. Elizabeth Cox details the rise and fall of this great building.

4 WHY STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE MENTAL HEALTH DAYS BY HAILEY HARDCASTLE

School can be rife with stress, anxiety, panic attacks and even burnout – but there's often no formal policy for students who need to prioritise their well-being. Hailey Hardcastle explains why schools should offer mental health days and allow students time to practise emotional hygiene without stigma. Learn how she and a team of fellow teens transformed their advocacy into law.

5 CAN WE EDIT MEMORIES? BY AMY MILTON

Trauma and PTSD rewire your brain – especially your memory – and can unearth destructive emotional responses when stirred. Could we eliminate these triggers without erasing the memories themselves? Enter neurologist Amy Milton's memory-editing clinical research poised to defuse the damaging effects of painful remembered experiences.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

FRENCH BIRIYANI (Kannada)

The movie revolves around Simon, representative of a pharmaceutical company from France and Asgar, local auto driver from Shivajinagar, who share a two-day long journey in Bengaluru. That twisted journey with a comedy of errors changes the way they look at life.

- Cast: Danish Sait, Sal Yusuf
- Watch On: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

UYARE (Malayalam)

Pallavi aspires to be a pilot but her career is jeopardised when she falls victim to an acid attack by Govind, an obsessive man who was formerly her boyfriend.

- Cast: Parvathy Thiruvothu, Tovino Thomas, Asif Ali
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

KESARI (Hindi)

Havildar Ishar Singh, a soldier in the British Indian Army, leads 21 Sikh soldiers in a fight against 10,000 Pashtun invaders. However, what unfolds is the greatest last stand wars of all time.

- Cast: Akshay Kumar, Parineeti Chopra, Mir Sarwar, Vikram Kochhar
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

RAAT AKELI HAI (Hindi)

The film follows a small town cop who is summoned to investigate the death of a politician which gets complicated by the victim's secretive family and his own conflicted heart.

- Cast: Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Radhika Apte, Shivani Raghuvanshi, Shweta Tripathi
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

NOTA (Telugu)

Varun is forced to become the chief minister of Tamil Nadu when his father is imprisoned and loses his chair. After becoming chief minister, he realises his power and decides to change society and politics with the support of his advisor Mahendran.

- Cast: Vijay Deverakonda, Mehreen Pirzada, Yashika Aannand, Nassar
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

KAPPAN (Tamil)

A special agent is assigned to protect the Indian Prime Minister who later gets assassinated. Following this, he is tasked with finding the man or group responsible for the assassination.

- Cast: Suriya, Sayyeshaa, Arya, Mohanlal
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

KATHEYONDU SHURUVAGIDE (Kannada)

Tarun, a resort owner, faces severe losses in his business venture and struggles to keep his resort intact. However, his life takes a drastic turn when Tanya enters the resort as a guest.

- Cast: Pooja Devariya, Diganth, Shreya Anchan
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

ENGLISH

BLUMHOUSE'S FANTASY ISLAND

The enigmatic Mr Roarke makes the secret dreams of his lucky guests come true at a luxurious but remote tropical resort, but when the fantasies turn into nightmares, the guests have to solve the island's mystery in order to escape.

- Cast: Lucy Hale, Michael Pena, Maggie Q, Austin Stowell
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

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Tobias Ellis starts his shift as a co-pilot and everything seems normal, but things quickly take a turn when terrorists storm the cockpit of his Airbus A319, and hijack the plane.

- Cast: Joseph Gordon-Lewitt, Omid Memar, Aylin Tezel
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

A HIDDEN LIFE

Austrian farmer Franz Jägerstätter faces the threat of execution for refusing to fight for the Nazis during World War II.

- Cast: August Diehl, Valerie Pachner, Matthias Schoenaerts
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

DALLAS BUYERS CLUB

Ron, a rodeo cowboy diagnosed with AIDS, discovers a banned drug that can help patients survive longer. To get around the system, he forms a club to smuggle the medicine to those in need.

- Cast: Matthew McConaughey, Jared Leto, Jennifer Garner
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

It's that time of year again, or is it?

OPEN SPACE
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August is here. The month of breezy showers. The beginning of the festival season. The best time to savour hot oily snacks. The inspiration for numerous Sawan-centric songs, many of them joyous, others pangful, including my favourite, *Ab ke baras bhej*, from Bimal Roy's *Bandini*.

This August, however, there's far more than Asha Bhonsle's wavering voice in the longful melody that's welling up my eyes. Newspapers are filled with reports of people breathing their last, waiting for hospital admission. Social media feed keeps throwing up first-person accounts of losing a loved one to coronavirus... a 12-year-old boy, a 20-something doctor...

This August is different. It's unrecognisable.

All through my schooling, August was the month I looked forward to the most during the academic year. It brought in the maximum holidays, packed with celebrations like Raksha Bandhan, Krishna Janmashtami, Bakrid, Independence Day and Ganesh Chaturthi. These holidays seemed more precious than the longer vacations, because they interrupted the schooldays and the humdrum with festivities and special delicacies made for each occasion. More interruptions were caused by sudden rainy day holidays, which brought immense delight, even though the day was spent indoors, watching earthworms through the window while watching out for the nasty blanket worm on the windowsill.

The joys mellowed as years went by. And yet, a faint trace of it remained somewhere deep within, if only due to the realisation that yet another new year is closer around the corner. The festivals, of course, continued to spell indulgence all through the month, with seasonal sweets like the lacy ghewar in north India, and the coconut-filled oozing-with-jaggery modak being worth the year-long wait here.

Not this August though, when each trip to the market, and each morsel of restaurant food evokes fearful reactions from the family and friends. It hardly even seems like festival time. This past Friday, I had almost forgotten that it was the day for Varamahalakshmi pooja. Even though it's not observed in the region I come from, I have passively been a part of the celebrations since I moved to Bengaluru, watching the crowds at sari shops, and the smiles on women's faces, get bigger as the day approached. The housemaids always asked for leave. This time, however, it dawned on me only when I entered the kitchen that morning, and saw the two maids dressed in spangly saris, the fragrance of the flowers tucked in their hair mingling with the aroma of the masala being fried. Neither of them had asked for the day off. There aren't many people employing them these days, and they perhaps didn't want to risk asking for leave at the few jobs they still hold.

Raksha Bandhan was different too, with WhatsApp messages urging siblings not to visit each other's houses, and even asking sisters to refrain from stepping out to buy or post rakhis. Next week, the usual Janmashtami fervour will be low-key at ISKCON temple in the city, and devotees may have to participate in the celebrations online. And with nary an idol maker in sight by the side of footpaths, Ganesh Chaturthi will likely turn out to be a lonely celebration too.

The biggest loss is perhaps being felt by some schoolkid who looked forward to August the way I did. Holidays are just not the same when you don't go to school.

Illustration Amit Bandre

Playing with geometry, symmetry and objects, artist Ashu Gupta's works present perspectives that shape life

IN BLACK AND WHITE

Each work is for the viewer to reflect on how we view the world, compose our thoughts, form our opinions, or behave in any situation

—**Ashu Gupta,** artist

Express Features

There are numerous ways to view everything around us– our connections, surroundings, situations – believes artist Ashu Gupta. In her show, titled Points and Perspectives, Gupta explores the notion of differing perspectives. A pen and ink artist, Gupta's series of 12 works is divided into three segments: Drishti – The Eye Series, Maati – The Human Connect and Nishabdh – The Silent Objects.

"It is perspective that shapes our attitude towards every aspect of our life. Just like different pens create different points on paper, all of us behave, emote and respond differently to the world around us. From the memories we carry in our hearts, to our personal definition of success; from how we treat the less fortunate, to how present we are in our everyday lives – all of it is a matter of individual perspective. And as humanity lives through these unprecedented times, positive perspective has become more important than ever before," she explains.

Playing with memories, geometry, symmetry and objects, the artworks are created using thousands of repeating points, circles and patterns. "Not wanting to limit myself to one medium, I have experimented with canvas, paper, and ceramic. Each work in the exhibition is for the viewer to reflect on how we view the world, compose our thoughts, form our opinions, or behave in any situation," she says.

The self-taught artist with a degree in interior design works mostly with black and white, rarely using hints of other colours. "For me, the colours offer the possibility of a new interpretation with every glance," says Gupta whose works usually involve scribbles, circles and lines to create detailed artworks.

Gupta, who has participated in several group exhibitions around India, is participating in an online show is the first time. Since her work began seven months ago, the onset of the pandemic meant adapting to a show in the new normal. "It does take some getting used to. But in case of this show, there's an option of visiting the gallery by appointment to take a look at the works," Gupta says.

(The solo art show in on until August 20, at Artisera, Indiranagar. It can also be viewed online on the gallery's website)

Setting the stage

Express Features

The new normal for artistes has involved adapting to new mediums as they try to keep the show going. While many have taken to their personal Instagram or Facebook pages to showcase performances, the reach is often limited to just their followers. But now, Red Polka Productions, a city-based production house, has launched a new initiative to bring the performance community together at a time when physical performances aren't possible.

Called the Red Collective, it looks at enabling artistes to perform online through virtual platforms. "Since we will integrate many artistes on one platform, each one gets a larger audience base to display their work to," says Prataya Saha, the chief creative director of the production house.

Founder and owner Anshulika Kapoor adds that the intention is to create a virtual stage for live performers, be it in music, dance, storytelling or theatre, so that they can focus on just the performance while the platform takes care of the event management. "Promoting the event, sending out links to audience members and ensuring the streaming goes smoothly will be looked after by us," says Kapoor, who is an artiste herself. With first-hand experience of what the situation is like for such artistes, who thrive on audience connection, Kapoor wants to create a community for independent artistes who are struggling with the online medium. "Live performers don't want to go online but it's been four months since the first lockdown. We have to look at adversities as an opportunity. Even though the medium is different, the love for creating art can go on," she adds.

Agrees Saha, who explains, "Artistes can't charge anyone through the live option on Instagram or Facebook. But if they come on board Red Collective, it'll be just like having a physical event, where they can ticket their performances and all proceeds, barring charges paid to streaming platforms, will be handed to the artiste as their due." The platform earns no profit in the process. So far, 100 artistes from different parts of India have come on board, with two storytelling gigs scheduled to happen in the second half of August, where artistes such as writer-storyteller Tarini Chandrashekhar, theatrepersons Shatarupa Bhattacharyya, Anusha Prabhu and Sameer Chouksey, performance artiste Anjali Nair, and poet Deepti Srivastava will be performing. Newcomers can also consider mentorship options from established artistes. "This holds potential to break barriers and geography, and help artistes from different parts of the world to collaborate together," he adds.

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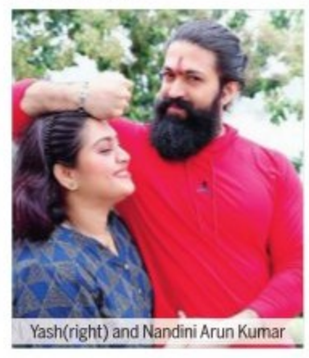
—**Prataya Saha,** chief creative director, Red Polka Productions

Anshulika Kapoor

Bro's the word

It's raining sibling love in Sandalwood. Stars Radhika Pandit and Ragini Dwivedi took to Instagram to shower their respective siblings with some affection and appreciation. While Dwivedi expressed her pride over how much her brother has grown and evolved, Pandit promised a small surprise for her brother, who is in Chicago. Yash's sister Nandini Arun Kumar posted a cute picture of both of them that sums up their relationship.



Yash(right) and Nandini Arun Kumar

CITY READ

Lorry drivers demand reduction in diesel price

Lorry owners' associations have came together to discuss the issues faced by them, especially due to the rise in diesel price. The Federation of Karnataka Lorry Owners Association has also asked the central government to look into the matter, failing which they will launch a protest.

Webinar to train PU college chemistry lecturers

CMR Institute of Technology is organising a one-day webinar, titled Experiment Based Classroom Teaching to Inspire Young Minds, for chemistry lecturers of PU colleges, on August 6. The main objective of this workshop is to train the teachers to add practical knowledge in their teaching.

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TAME THAT ANGER

Covid lockdowns are relaxing, but positive cases continue to climb up mercilessly, especially in Bangalore. One is quite careful to avoid going out as much as possible, and a lot of us are self-isolating at home. This act of self-care and social responsibility is not a noble act or anything like that, but just common sense and self-preservation that is playing out. We all should be doing that, but we also see that not everyone is holding up the social etiquette that is demanded in these times. Half the people on the streets are wearing their masks below their nose, many wear the mask but pull it off when they need to sneeze or cough, or worse still, if they feel like they need to clear their throat and let fly a glob of their snot on to the street somewhere. We see people wandering around without much of social distancing, and milling around.

A lot of people are getting really angry and quite agitated with all this happening around them and feeling the powerlessness and helplessness that goes with that. There is much anger and frustration building up among those bearing for themselves the burdens of safety and hygiene.

It is exacerbated in these trying situations, but even under ordinary circumstances, we see that anger and frustration that we experience with the world around us staying with us much of the time. It might be from things we notice in the workplace, on the streets, in government offices, in social circumstances -- pretty much anywhere, really. Given the power differentials and how we, as a culture, find it hard to speak truth to power, there is just so much that is being bottled up.

Where does all that anger go?

The only place that all this bottled-up negativity and pain finds some expression -- at home, and often, the expression of this rage is at the cost of the most vulnerable people at home, be it children, the elderly, the people without independent economic means, the dependent partner and the such. For far too long, well-intentioned elders would advise the suffering partner and the children, "This poor creature is out in the world facing all sorts of harshness, and if we can help them get some relief, then so be it!" Children are shushed and told to behave lest anger finds a soft target in them. Food given great attention to, lest plates and food go flying in fits of anger.

We are told to accept bad behaviour as just "angry behaviour," and sometimes, in perverse ways, we are coached to accept such behaviour and violence as even a show of love.

Should love be making space, cushioning and holding all this anger brought into its space from outside? Is being a punching bag, love's labour?

The answer is a clear and emphatic No. Love is not a dumping ground for anger, and any attempts to paint it so, need to be called out for the toxicity that it is.

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CHIRU WILL BE MY GUIDING FORCE, AND I WILL FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS: DHRUVA SARJA

Dhruva Sarja

As the Action Prince gears up to resume shooting for *Pogaru* songs from Aug. 16, he talks about getting ready for his next project, in which he is teaming up with Nanda Kishore again, and about dubbing for his brother, Chiranjeevi Sarja's film, *Rajamarthanda*

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— **Dhruva Sarja,** actor

● **A Sharadhaa**

Dhruva Sarja will soon be back in action. The actor is said to be hitting the gym regularly, as he gears up to resume shooting for his upcoming film, *Pogaru*. The Action Prince of Sandalwood, who is still to come to terms with the sudden demise of his brother, Chiranjeevi Sarja, is keeping his focus on cinema now.

Dhruva and wife also tested positive for Covid-19, and have recovered from the infection. He now gets ready to restart filming the pending songs for the movie, which is being directed by Nanda Kishore and produced by BK Gangadhar. The team is finalising the location in Bengaluru, where they will be setting up the sets, and plan to start the shoot from August 16 onwards. Meanwhile, the *Karabuu* song, which has hit 100 million views this week, and the Telugu version of this track will be out on August 6.

Dhruva now says his brother will be the guiding force of his career, and his life. "I am preparing myself to resume shoot for *Pogaru* songs, and preparations are going on from the team's end to begin the shoot from mid-August," says Dhruva, who is also getting ready for his next project. The actor will be teaming up with Nanda Kishore again for a project, which is being produced by Uday K Mehta. The Action Prince is said to be in the process of reducing weight. "Nanda has sketched a stylish character for me, for which I am working on getting a leaner look. We will start the film once the government grants permission to start shooting for new projects," he explains.

Talking about reports of him lending support to the pending projects that starred Chiranjeevi Sarja, which are at different stages of production, he says, "I will reveal more as and when we start working on the films. At present, I have agreed to dub Chiru's portions in *Rajamarthanda*. I might get emotional watching his visuals at the recording studio, and that is one of the reasons for my decision to take a little more time to start dubbing."

Dhruva, who has confirmed his project with Uday Mehta's as his next, will also be zeroing in on another film, which is yet to be finalised. Ask him about his future projects, and the actor mentions that from now on, there will be no set plans from his end and that he wants to go with the flow. "Chiru will be my guiding force and I will follow in his footsteps. My brother will decide, and I will go by what is expected out of me," the actor signs off.

'STAY CONFIDENT AND BE OPTIMISTIC TO FIGHT COVID-19'

The actor, who has recovered from *Covid-19*, is happy that he is fit now. "When you see the way people are venturing out, you never feel the presence of the pandemic, but one look at news reports, and it appears to be a scary story. However, I want to cite as examples patients who are in their 90s, or even more, and some as young as infants, who have recovered from the virus. So people shouldn't get worried about testing positive. Just stay confident and be optimistic, and that's the only way one can recover," he says. The actor adds that any Covid symptoms should not be neglected. "I initially thought I had caught cold and developed fever due to the rainy season. Since I hadn't ventured out for a long time, I thought I wouldn't get infected by the virus. But then, I realised that I have old people at home, and decided to go for a check-up. While I and my wife were tested positive, the rest of the family was tested negative. Since we had mild symptoms, we were advised to go in for home quarantine, and we have now recovered from it. From our experience, I would like to say, that this virus is something, which we should not deeply worry about. I started getting back to my physical exercise the day after I tested positive, and I am fit and fine," he reveals.

Shivarajkumar to resume *Bhajarangi 2* shoot from Aug. 10

A Harsha

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● **CE Features**

Kannada film fraternity is returning to the sets, with strict guidelines in place. And Shivarajkumar is setting an example, as he gets ready to participate in the shoot of his upcoming film, *Bhajarangi 2*. Meanwhile, Sudeep's *Phantom* has been rolling for the last 15 days in Telangana, and Yash-starrer *KGF Chapter 2*, directed by Prashanth Neel, will resume shooting from mid-August. Now, Harsha plans to start filming the remaining portions from August 10.

The shooting will begin at Mohan B Kere studio, where they are coming up with a huge set. The team is left with the last leg of shooting to complete and has planned a 12-day schedule. They will shoot for four days at this studio. Harsha says, "Shivanna is all charged up to get back to the sets, and he is our energy booster. The production house, Jayanna Films, is taking all the precautionary measures and we will follow the guidelines set by the government."

A lot of hype has been surrounding *Bharajangi 2* since the film went on the floors, and the recent teaser, which was released on the Hattrick Hero's birthday, got a huge applause from viewers. The film is loaded with action and drama, and has an ensemble cast, including Bhavana in the female lead role, along with Shruti, Loki, and Cheluvaraj among other theatres artistes featuring in prominent roles. While Arjun Janya is composing the music, cinematography is by J Swamy.

A still from *Bhajarangi 2*

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Janhvi Kapoor to star in Hindi remake of *Helen*?

● **CE Features**

Janhvi Kapoor is likely to star in the Hindi remake of the Malayalam survival thriller, *Helen*. Directed by Mathukutty Xavier, the 2019 film starred *Anna Ben* in the lead role. It followed a part-time restaurant employee who gets locked in the freezer room. According to reports, Janhvi's father producer Boney Kapoor has bought the Hindi remake rights of *Helen*.

The film will be co-produced by Zee Studios and go on floors in early 2021, the reports add. The survival thriller is also being remade in Tamil, Telugu and Kannada.

Janhvi Kapoor made her Bollywood debut in *Dhadak* (2018).

Post *Atrangi Re*, Akshay Kumar and Aanand L Rai join hands for *Rakshabandhan*

A still from *Rakshabandhan*

● **CE Features**

After *Atrangi Re*, actor Akshay Kumar and director Aanand L Rai will collaborate on another film titled *Rakshabandhan*. The film is written by Himanshu Sharma and the makers promise a family drama 'with a celebration of sibling love in its purest form'.

Earlier this year, Aanand L Rai had announced his collaboration with Akshay, Dhanush and Sara Ali Khan on *Atrangi Re*. The romantic drama will go on floors in October in Madurai.

"Akshay is such a talented actor and I'm really excited to collaborate with him once again for *Rakshabandhan*," Aanand said. "The film is a special tale which celebrates relationships in the most beautiful way."

Rakshabandhan will enter production next year and be released on November 5, 2021. The film is presented and produced by Akshay's sister, Alka Bhatia, and Colour Yellow Productions in association with Cape of Good Films.

"Hardly ever in life does one come across a story that touches your heart so deeply and so instantly," Akshay said. "It will make you laugh and it will make you cry. And it will make us realise how blessed are those who have sisters. It makes me happiest that my sister Alka is presenting and producing this film along with ace director Aanand L Rai."

Akshay's upcoming releases are *Laxmmi Bomb, Sooryavanshi*, and *Bell Bottom*. Aanand L Rai last directed *Zero* (2018), starring Shah Rukh Khan, Katrina Kaif, and Anushka Sharma.

Credit De Do Yaar: Bollywood lyricists appeal for proper credits on music platforms

● **CE Features**

Bollywood lyricists such as Varun Grover, Amitabh Bhattacharya, Swanand Kirkire, Manoj Muntashir, and others have released a video song appealing to streaming apps and YouTube channels of music labels to credit lyricists/songwriters properly. Titled Credit De Do Yaar, the video is directed by Varun and penned by Varun, Swanand Kirkire, and Kausar Munir. Recently, several Bollywood lyricists had criticised the lack of due credits on streaming platforms.

Writers Sameer Anjaan, Neelesh Misra, Mayur Puri, Kumaar, Shellee, Anvita Dutt, Raj Shekhar, Puneet Sharma, Abhiruchi Chand, and Hussain Haidry also appear in the video.

"We are under no impression that you will remember our faces," Varun says at the end of the appeal.

Marvel's *Shang-Chi* to resume filming soon

● **CE Features**

Marvel's *Shang-Chi* and the *Legend of the Ten Rings* is ready to go on production after a break that resulted due to the unexpected outbreak of the Coronavirus. A new video released by the Australian channel 7NEWS reveals massive village sets being erected for the film.

Officially announced last summer at San Diego Comic-Con, *Shang-Chi* will feature Simu Liu as the titular kung fu master and introduce him to the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Though the plot details and cast members are still being kept under wraps, the film's villain has already been confirmed to be *The Mandarin* and it will be played by Tony Chiu-Wai Leung. Singer-actor Awkwafina has also been confirmed to play an unrevealed role. Filming of this Destin Daniel Cretton directorial is expected to begin soon in the coming days.

Shang-Chi was initially scheduled for release in February 2021, but the production delay and postponing of *Black Widow's* release to November, has pushed the film to May 2021.